

Have A Safe & Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!!!



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The First Thanksgiving.....



THE FIRST THANKSGIVING, as depicted by a North Street family in Feeding Hills. (MORE ABOUT THE FIRST THANKSGIVING - Page 10....Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Thanksgiving: Shining Day!

We thank-you, Lord Of Heaven for all the joys that greet us.
For all that you have given to help us and delight us
in earth and sky and seas;

The Sunlight on the meadows, the rainbow's fleeting wonder,
The clouds with cooling shadows,
And the stars that shine in splendor -
We thank you, Lord, for these.
We thank you, Lord, for these.

For swift and gallant horses, for lambs in pastures springing,
For dogs with friendly faces, for birds with music thronging
their chantries in the trees. For herbs to cool our fever,
For flowers of field and garden, for bees among the clover
with stolen sweatness laden - We thank you, Lord, for these.
For homely dwelli - places where childhood's visions linger,
For friends and kindly voices, for bread to stay our hunger
and sleep to bring us ease; For zeal and zest of living,
For faith and understanding, for words to tell our loving,
For hope of peace and upending
We thank-you, Lord, for these.

Jan Struther, 1933

The Gobblers Are Ready...



ONE OF THE MANY GOBBLERS who will be playing a big role in the success of Thanksgiving Day is pictured at Maiden Valley Poultry Farm in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Cook Safely And Give Thanks Nov. 24th

Home fires are devastating tragedies that claim lives and destroy homes. It is always sad to hear of such a fire, but during the holidays it seems much worse.

Thanksgiving is a time for sharing love and friendship and to be thankful for what we have. The Agawam Fire Department reminds us that fire can strike even at such a joyful time.

At any time of year, kitchen fires are the most likely kind to start. This holiday is one that revolves around the kitchen as Thanksgiving feasts are prepared, so extra caution is in order. Start by making sure ovens and stovetop burners are clean; if not, clean them thoroughly and safely.

Don't cook overnight; don't leave your meal cooking on the stove while you go out to the neighbors, take a nap before your guests arrive, or pick the kids up from the football game.

Keep folks out of the kitchen as much as possible, especially children. A crowded kitchen is more likely to have an accident. Use only one or two appliances at each electric outlet. More can cause the circuit to overheat and start a fire.

Keep pot handles turned inward, away from the front of the stove, and keep appliance cords up on counters. Don't wear loose sleeves that can hang over the stove and accidentally catch fire.

If a grease fire erupts, quickly and carefully cover the pan with a lid or a larger pan—**never** use water. If it's in the oven, turn the controls to "off" and close the door tight. This will smother the flames. Better yet, have a portable fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it.

A little caution can give us something to be truly thankful for—health and safety.

Post Office Says You Can Protect Yourself From Receiving Porn

In the past several months, the office of the Consumer Affairs Representative has been receiving numerous telephone calls from customers regarding dissatisfaction in receiving sexually-oriented advertisements through the mailstream.

The Postal Service understands your concern about the transmission of sexually-oriented matter, or pandering advertisements, through the mails. Years ago, the Postal Service had the authority to refuse such mail. However, this authority was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1971. Accordingly, without due process, the Postal Service cannot refuse delivery of mail upon which postage is paid.

Fortunately, there are federal laws which provide protection for postal customers who do not desire to receive this type of mail. In order to take advantage of these laws, customers must complete and file Postal Service Form 2201 (Application for Listing Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3010) and/or Form 2150 (Notice for Prohibitory Order Against Sender of Pandering Advertisement in the Mails, 39 U.S.C. 3008). These applications are available at any post office. Customers may file in their own behalf and in behalf of any of their children under the age of 19 years who reside with them or are under their care, custody, or supervision.

After a customer has filed an application, his/her name and address will be placed on a Postal Service list. Any mailer who sends unsolicited sexually-oriented advertisements to a postal customer, after being on the list for 30 days, may be subject to civil action.

Remember, the application for prohibitory order may be submitted at any post office and must be accompanied by the advertisement upon which the application is based and its opened envelope or other cover or wrapper.

We are CLOSED

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, our office will be closed from Wednesday, November 23rd, at 11:00 a.m., to Monday morning, November 28th, at 6:30 a.m. You can slide copy under our door ALL DAY on Friday and Saturday as the building will be open. Thank-you.

AGAWAM Obituary

Pearl I. Galetta

Pearl I. Galetta, 77, of Feeding Hills and formerly of Suffield, died in Noble Hospital, Westfield.

Born in Enfield, she lived in Suffield most of her life and moved to Feeding Hills 15 years ago. Her husband, Domenic Galetta, died in 1973.

She leaves two sons, James R. of Windsor Locks and Raymond F. of Suffield; three daughters, Marjory G. Montagna of Suffield Hills, Mary Ann G. Liptak-Socolosky of Suffield, and Betty Lou G. Thompson of Holyoke; two sisters, Bernice Guerrandeno of Springfield and Mildred Frigon of Enfield; 16 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Donald Galetta.

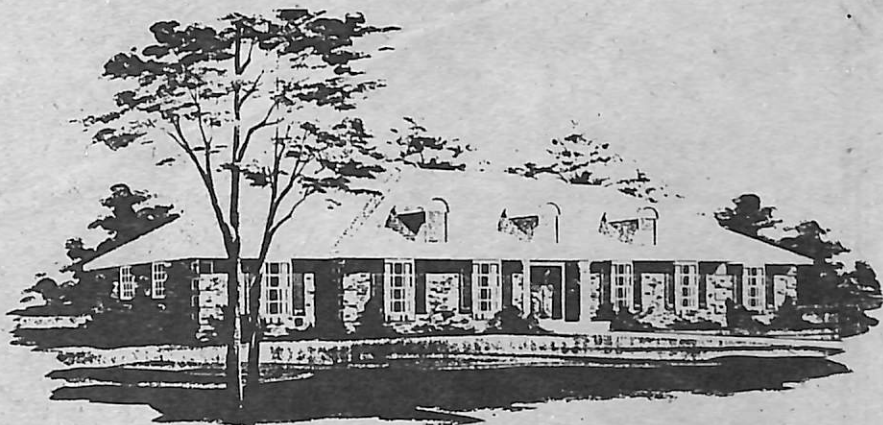
The funeral was at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, all in Suffield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Suffield Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 642, or the Suffield Emergency Aid, 450 South Street, Suffield, 06078.

PLEASE REMEMBER our next deadline is Tuesday, November 29th, at noontime, for our Thursday, December 1st publication.

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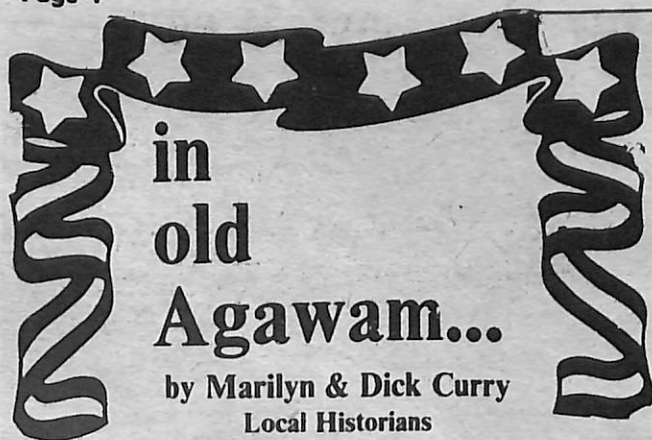
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Saturday 9:00 To 3:00, Closed Sunday & Monday

Season's Best!



in old Agawam...

by Marilyn & Dick Curry
Local Historians

Strange Occurrences At Feeding Hills Home

Part II of a two-part series

Other Queries Remain Unanswered

During her conversation with us, Mrs. Jones mentioned several other strange happenings such as the time she purchased a new skirt.

Returning home, she promptly hung it in her closet. Like most people buying new clothes, the woman had tried the item on at the store prior to its purchase. Mrs. Jones attests to the fact there was nothing on or in the pockets prior to her wearing it for the first time.

When she did wear the dress, she placed her hands in the pockets and she surprisingly removed a photograph showing two unknown individuals dressed in clothes of the 1960's period.

After inquiring from the family if they knew of the picture, no one could explain any knowledge of the photograph or the people.

Then there was the time when the daughter found an ornate ring in her bedroom. According to Mrs. Jones, the ring is marked 18k with a heart-shape front with a number of clear stones imbedded. After inquiring from the daughter's friends if they had lost the ring, the family was convinced that no one who had visited the house had any knowledge of the item!

Again during Christmas of 1987, Mrs. Jones discovered a "V nickle" dated 1907 beneath the sewing machine in her bedroom. As might be expected, no one in the family knew of its presence!

Mischievous Misdeeds

Mrs. Jones had many interesting tidbits relative to the strange happenings in the house, but she did emphasize that the children "are scared, but they don't feel as though they will be hurt in any way."

When asked if the family had experienced any miss-

ing items or strange noises, the mother did exclaim that on several occasions members of the family had seemed to have lost certain items.

For example, take the time Mrs. Jones could not find her rings she always kept in the jewelry box. The items were missing for three to four months, until one day the mother simply exclaimed: "O'K...Where are they?" The very next day the rings were found in the jewelry box!

Then there was the case of the missing wallpaper. According to Mrs. Jones, she and her husband had purchased five rolls of wallpaper. When at home they re-counted the rolls and found five rolls as purchased. Shortly thereafter they could find only four rolls of paper and they are still searching for the fifth roll.

Finally, Mrs. Jones told us of the time the entire family had retired for the evening. Suddenly, there was a loud crash that awakened everyone. Upon careful investigation of the premises nothing could be found as evidence of the loud noise.

As It Stands For The Moment...

Until quite recently, we had been totally unaware of any hauntings within Agawam or Feeding Hills. Now that we can account for at least six such experiences, we can readily attest to this present story as being the best yet!

There is little reason to wonder that the folks who have informed us of their personal encounters were reluctant to tell anyone of the details.

Yet we must admit that in each case, the individuals who experienced these happenings are of clear mind and respected by their neighbors. Why then do they cautiously admit to such experiences?

We cannot account for our readers' opinions on the subject, but for ourselves, we hope that we can maintain an open mind until we have reason to believe to the contrary. Certainly, for those who have experienced these strange phenomena, no one can truly make them doubt what they have seen or heard.

One thing remains in the Jones' favor: their willingness to contend with their present dilemma and an apparent lack of fear that they might be threatened with bodily harm.

After five or six years being maligned with these happenings, it would appear they have nothing to fear.

Then again, for all the shortcomings, the family does have small returns for their discomfort - the ring, the arrowhead, the five cent piece, and some interesting memories. Could these be peace offerings from the spirit world?

in old Agawam is a regular feature!

Operation Tiny Tim Again Being Run By Agawam's Paul Sutton

That warm glow of "peace and good will" throughout the land will again be a little brighter in the Western Massachusetts area this year thanks to the thousands of caring people in the region who will again be sending Christmas and Hanukkah cards to the youngsters at Shriners' Hospital in Springfield bearing the generic name of Tiny Tim.

Operation Tiny Tim started in the holiday season of 1979 when WGGB TV weathercaster Paul Sutton introduced the idea to his viewers and suggested that they add one more name to their holiday card mailing list, that of Tiny Tim, and send it along to Shriners' Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104. Lo and behold during a period of three to four weeks, over 12,000 people generously answered the call. Every year since then, approximately 20,000 cards are received by the hospital annually during the holiday season.

As anyone knows, children love to get mail, especially when they're in the hospital, and what could be more encouraging and cheerful, this particular time of year than a bright and colorful greeting, with perhaps a little personal note that the youngster will soon be getting better and going home. When each person does this simple gesture, the final result is mind-boggling. It's sort of a variation on each person lighting one little candle for a brighter world.

It's a very simple thing, indeed, and in this day and age can still be done at a monetary cost of less than \$1. It involves just a card and a stamp and a few minutes time. Some people make their own special cards. This is especially done as classroom projects as well as Boy and Girl Scout projects.

Whatever a person decides to do, the idea is still a bright and warm one, and what better time of year could you think of for such a gesture.

All one need do is send a Christmas or Hanukkah card to: **Tiny Tim, Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.** You will then know what the original Charles Dickens character meant when in *A Christmas Carol*, he uttered: "God Bless us everyone."

This year's Tiny Tim holiday card campaign will get off to a splendid start with a Community Sing-A-Long led by Paul Sutton in Springfield's Court Square, Friday night, November 25th, followed by a visit from Santa Claus and the annual downtown tree-lighting ceremony.

Bring a good strong voice and a card for Tiny Tim.

Internal Revenue Service Gives Year-End Tax Tip

It's time for forecasting your tax liability. With only about 35 days left in this calendar year, it's time for you to check your total tax due and compare it with your total expected payments.

"If you know your 1988 tax liability and find that you have been underpaying taxes, you should increase your tax withholding," said District Director Gerard R. Esposito.

To avoid underpayment penalties, 90 percent of 1988's tax or 100 percent of 1987's tax must be paid by January 15th. "If you have income earned by working, you can increase your withholding by completing a new W-4 with your employer. If you are self-employed, or have only unearned income, such as interest and dividends, you probably should have been making estimated tax payments," said Esposito.

This last installment should be paid by using declaration voucher four found in the Form 1040-ES package, "Declaration of Estimated Tax for Individuals."

Taxpayers should be aware there is a penalty for underpayment or late payment of estimated taxes.

For more detailed information, IRS Publication 505, "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," is available by calling toll-free 1-800-424-Form.

Make taxes less taxing. Plan them now.

A Happy, Safe Thanksgiving For Pets

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reminds pet owners that while Thanksgiving is a time for celebration and feasting, holiday crowds and feasts may be stressful for pets.

Large crowds of visitors during the holiday may cause anxiety in pets. Setting aside a quiet area for pets away from the festivities may help reduce stress to animals and prevent anxious behavior toward guests.

Although pet owners may be tempted to share leftovers with the family dog or cat, care must be taken to avoid unhealthy table scraps such as turkey bones and string used to truss the turkey.

Bones can splinter easily and pierce internal organs or lodge in an animal's throat. Trussing string can also cause serious digestive problems if swallowed. A "pet-proof" container is recommended when discarding these potential health hazards.

By providing a little quiet time away from the holiday crowd and specially made nutritional treats, pet owners will be giving their pets a treat to be thankful for - a safe, happy Thanksgiving.

Our office will be closed until Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. Deadline is Tuesday at noon.

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Agawam Crime Prevention Use Common Sense When Xmas Shopping

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Christmas is fast-approaching and with only four weeks left for shopping and preparation, a sea of humanity will be flooding shopping malls and parking lots.

Thoughts will be of that special gift, what size tree, how much food, and where are all the bargains.

In order to insure a safe, happy holiday season, we must also give some serious consideration to caution and common sense. People carrying large amounts of cash and cars packed roof high with gifts will be tempting targets for those who would make victims of holiday shoppers. Please enjoy the season and remember to observe the following:

1. When bringing small children into crowded stores and malls, always keep them in sight and when possible, push, pull, or carry them close to you.

2. Don't carry large amounts of cash on your person or in a pocketbook. Use charge cards for purchases and make out a single payment check to the card company for the total of your purchases. Always be sure to keep your copies and carbons, and destroy them as soon as possible. If cash must be used, don't flash it for all to see.

3. When leaving gifts unattended in your car, be sure to place them inside a locked trunk. What can't be seen won't be stolen. Also, take care to lock your car and pocket the keys.

Be alert as to where you park your car so as not to spend a long time searching for it with an armload of packages.

4. With Christmas being a time for increased housebreaks, and larcenies, take time to properly secure your home and belongings. Take extra time to watch a neighbor's home and property. Report anything of a suspicious nature to your police department.

5. Most importantly, be aware of where you are and who is in the area immediately around you.

While it is unfortunate we must concern ourselves with crime and its possible impact on us as victims at this time of year, it is important that we observe the above cautions. Be sure the spirit of Christmas is in the giving. By observing a few common sense rules, you can be sure it will be safe as well.

Agawam Police Blotter For Last Week

On November 14th, **Luis A. Vasquez**, Center Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 14th, **Luis Albert**, 26 Harriet Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Arresting officer was Mark Pfau.

On November 14th, **Stacey Alston**, 903 Main Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding bench warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Detective Sergeant Ken Grady.

On November 14th, **William Poirier**, 71 Craig Drive, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department bench warrant. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On November 15th, **Steven M. Steinberg**, 303 Billings Road, Somers, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti, Peter Bertera, and James Donovan.

On November 15th, **Denise Tolomeo**, 19 Willard Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr. and Detective Thomas Marmo.

On November 15th, **Joseph Rolland**, 25 Buford Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an apprehension warrant. Arresting officers were Karen Langevin and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 15th, **Richard Robinson**, 93 College Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding shoplifting warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 15th, **Roy Parker**, 190 Norfolk Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with three counts of shoplifting. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 15th, **Dorothy Bates**, 24 Taylor Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with outstanding warrants from Holyoke and West Springfield. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 16th, **Terril L. Mancuso**, 70 Colony Road, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with

driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi, Walter Zymroz, and Peter Bertera.

On November 16th, **Alva H. Allen**, 86 Sheri Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 16th, **Michael J. Daley**, 560 Franklin Street Extension, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 16th, **Raymond Couture**, 135 Country Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Joseph Edwards and Donald Gallerani.

On November 17th, **Juan A. Vasquez, Jr.**, 1172 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery domestic violence, and assault with intent to murder. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Peter Bertera, and Eric Camerlin.

On November 17th, **Edward R. Bannon**, 83 Dana Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 18th, **Raymond J. Boissonault**, 67 Fairview Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering of a motor vehicle in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony. Arresting officers were Paul Murphy and James Donovan.

On November 18th, **Scott D. Forney**, 116 Silver Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Walter Letellier.

On November 18th, **James M. Pirro**, 469 North Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Walter Letellier.

On November 19th, **John W. Burlingham**, 99 Hillside Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert Landers and James Donovan.

If you missed reading *The Advertiser News* last week, you missed all the hometown news

Celebrate Thanksgiving At *Alexander's*

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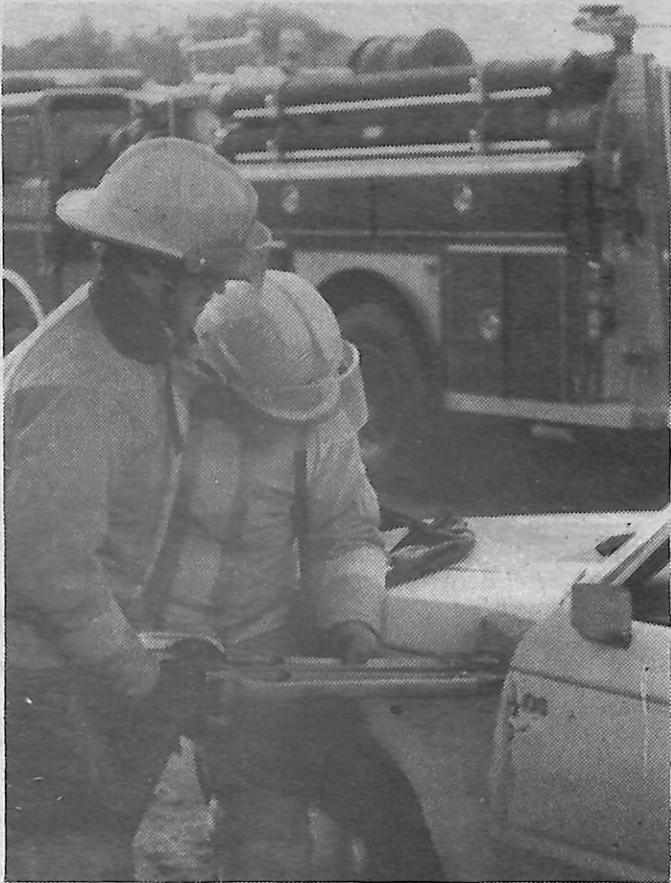
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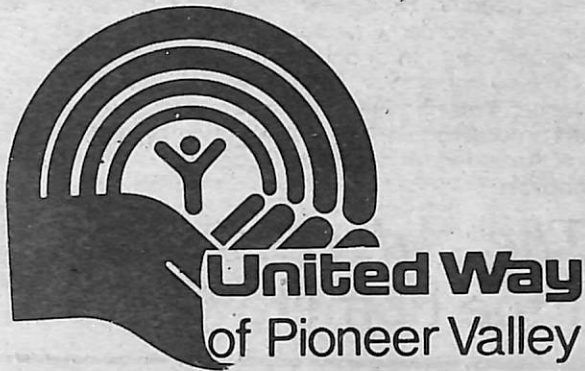


AGAWAM FIREFIGHTER DONALD PISANO uses "Jaws of Life" to remove driver's door during a training exercise.



INSIDE THE STRICKEN VEHICLE, Emergency Medical Technician James Lancour aides Chuck Cartello while firefighters remove windshield. The training exercise was recently conducted by the Agawam Fire Department to demonstrate the use and importance of "The Jaws of Life." RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 7.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine 789-0053.



Municipal Events

GRAND NATIONAL AUTO

Tuesday, November 22nd
Conservation Commission
Town Clerk's Conference Room
7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 23rd
SCHOOLS CLOSE EARLY
Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 23rd
Board of Appeals Meeting
Town Hall Annex Building
7:30 P.M.

Monday, December 5th
Town Council Meeting
Agawam Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, December 13th
Liquor Licensing Commission
Police Station
7:00 P.M.

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195 River Street - West Springfield
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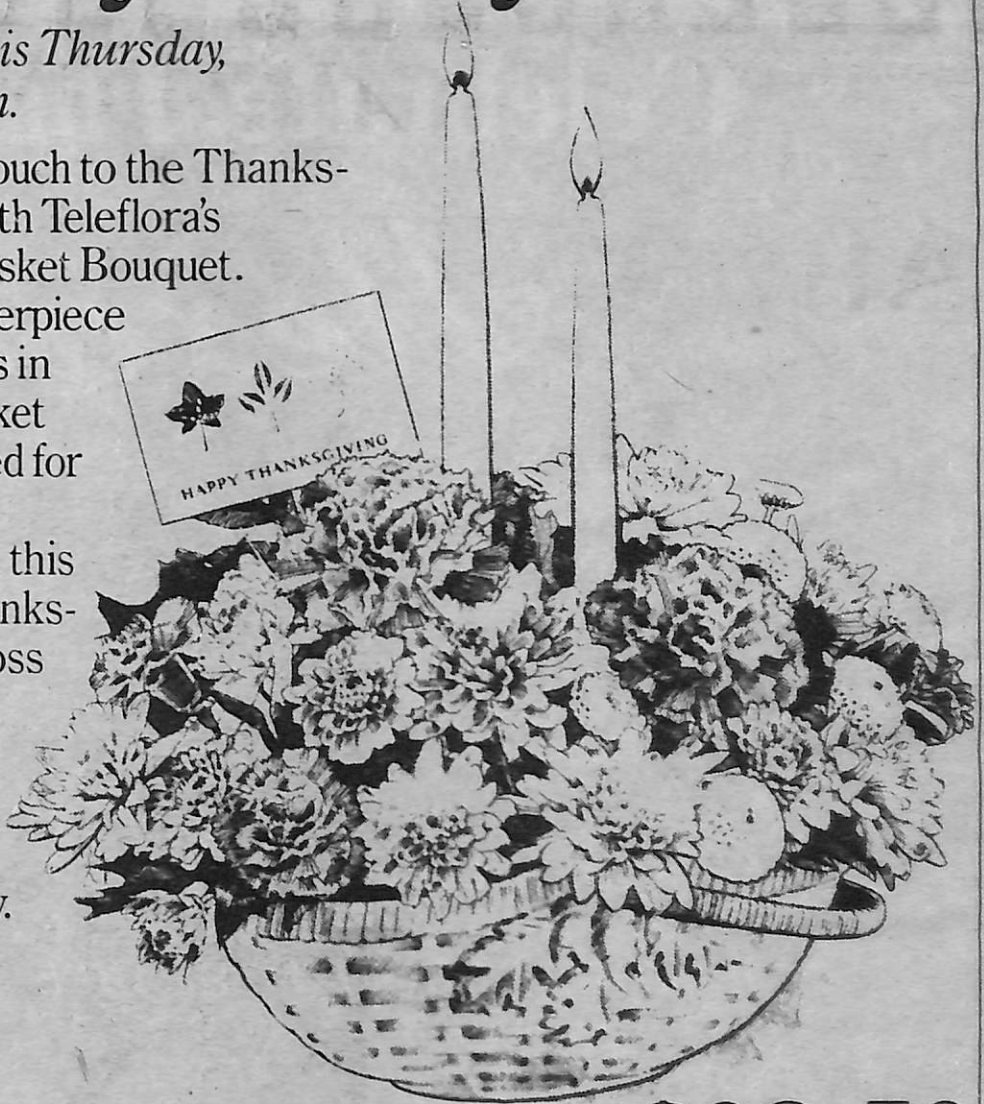
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Fire Dept. Shows Importance Of "Jaws Of Life"



IN A SPECIAL TRAINING EXERCISE, the Agawam Fire Department demonstrated the importance of the "Jaws of Life." The car used in the "Mock Accident" was donated by Sliech Auto Body of Feeding Hills. The "Jaws" are used when victims are trapped inside a vehicle to open doors, remove roofs, and pull steering wheels away from the victims. IN PHOTO RIGHT, training officer Larry Grady explains the "Jaws of Life" operation to firefighters.

Town's Consumer Advisory Comm. Warns About Bad MasterCards

The Town of Agawam's Consumer Advisory Commission, headed by Louis D. Draghetti, today issued the following warning:

MoneyCard Systems was a company that offered MasterCards through Universal Bank in Maryland to consumers who were willing and able to give several hundred dollars as "security deposits." One thing led

to another, and MoneyCard Systems is now bankrupt, the MasterCards are worthless, and millions in deposits have vanished. As a result, consumers will be faced with the loss of credit, unpaid MasterCard bills, and unrecoverable security deposits.

Consumers who have been victimized should file a complaint with the Bankruptcy Court (In re MoneyCard Systems, Inc.; United States Bankruptcy Court; Third and Constitution Avenue, N.W.; Washington, D.C.)

They should also notify the State of Maryland Banking Commissioner (Maryland State Banking Commissioner; The Brokerage; 34 Market Place; Suite 800 Baltimore, MD 21202), who is conducting an investigation of Universal Bank, despite its claim of innocence.

The moral of this story is that credit-hungry consumers should be very wary of obtaining credit cards by paying up to \$1,000 or more as "security deposits."

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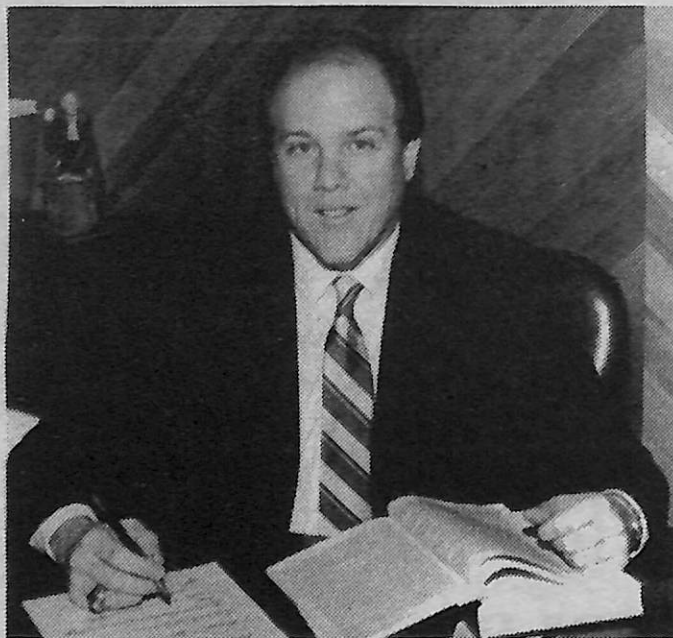
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Political Advertisement



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Carol Jane Doucette Weds Joao Alexandre Bernardo

On Saturday, October 8th, Miss Carol Jane Doucette and Joao Alexandre Bernardo were joined in marriage by Pastor Reverend David Joyce at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Doucette, Jr., of Feeding Hills, and the groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Bernardo of Springfield.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Ronald Marin, sister of the bride. Best man was Rudolfo Bernardo, brother of the groom.

Serving as bridesmaids were Irene Lopes, Terry Amellin, Justine Chriscola, Jill Underhill, Christina Ribiero, Cherilee Doucette, cousin of the bride, and Siobhan Doucette, niece of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Ushers were Norberto Lopes, Thomas Doucette, brother of the bride, Joao Matias, Joe Matias, Dioge Ribiero, and Tony Martins.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Gremio Lusitano in Ludlow.

The bride is a bookkeeper at Crown Furniture, West Springfield, and the groom is a courier for Federal Express, Granby, Connecticut.

The couple is residing in Springfield after a trip to Walt Disney World, Florida.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club To Sponsor Mrs. Santa Visit

The Agawam Public Library will be having a special visitor Saturday, December 3rd.

Mrs. Santa will be visiting with children in the Conference Room from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Pictures with Mrs. Santa will be available for a small fee.

This special visit is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

**We wish you and yours
a very happy & safe
Thanksgiving Holiday.**

Storowton Village Announces Its Holiday Activities

Storowton Village, West Springfield, announces its agenda of Holiday activities scheduled to take place at the 19th century Village, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition.

According to June Cook, Village director, "The activities and events are designed to instill in 20th century folks the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas with many colonial traditions reintroduced to help celebrate our New England heritage at this festive time."

Yuletide Activities are:

December 4th—Winter Holiday Festival: Visit the dressed-up Village and enjoy the hospitality of "townfolk" in homes and buildings as they celebrate and prepare for the approaching holiday. Militia reenactments, displays, gift shopping, caroling, and Santa's workshop. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., entire Village.

December 7th, 14th, 21st—Candlelight Caroling Tours: Tour the candlelit Village, sing Christmas carols as you pay a visit to the Storowton Villagers. Free for those who come in Colonial dress. 7:30 p.m., entire Village.

December 8th, 14th—Holiday Craft Workshops: 7:30 p.m., Potter Mansion Ballroom. Reservations needed.

December 10th—Children's Holiday Craft Class: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Meeting House. Reservations needed.

Guided tours of the decorated Village are given weekdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For information and reservations, call June Cook, 787-0136, weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mercy Hosp. Adult Day Care Slates Christmas Bazaar Dec. 2

Mercy Adult Day Care will hold a Christmas Bazaar, Friday, December 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the main hospital lobby.

This year the bazaar will include a selection of seasonal Christmas goods, craft items made by adult day care participants, baked goods, plants, raffles, and a white elephant table.

Money raised from the bazaar will be used by the adult care center to fund outings and entertainment for day care participants.



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Annual Communion Supper Of Catholic Women's Club



THE AGAWAM CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB held its Annual Communion Supper at the St. John's Parish Center. In photo left, pictured are Paula Raiche, acting president; Sister Mary Dooley, S.S.J.; and Lorraine Maniscalchi, chairwoman of the event; in photo right, pictured around this delicious dessert table are Jacqueline Taugas and Anna Lamaureux. Advertiser,

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TURKEYS, PILGRIMS, AND INDIANS were all important parts of the first Thanksgiving on December 11th, 1621, at the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. The feasting lasted for three days. Another Thanksgiving was held two years prior to that on December 4, 1619, in Charles City, Virginia, although this celebration was entirely religious and did not involve feasting. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Pilgrims-Indians Join For First Thanksgiving

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

This Thanksgiving Day, as we join our families and friends in celebration of the blessings of the past year, we should remember how the holiday began.

It is generally known that the first Thanksgiving celebration in America occurred after the Pilgrims had survived through their first bitter winter as a colony of Great Britain.

By order of Governor William Bradford, a three day festival was to take place to commemorate the harvest, in the autumn of 1621.

Women of the colony spent many days preparing for the festival, even the children helped by turning roasts on spits in front of open fires. Local Indians brought wild turkeys and venison, and men of the colony brought geese, ducks, and fish.

This first festival was celebrated outside, at long tables, and beside the meat and fish, journey cake, cornmeal bread with nuts, and succotash were served.

In a letter written by Edward Winslow, on December 11th, 1621, he described the celebration, "...our Governor sent four men on fowling, so that we might, after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labours. ...At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst them, their greatest kind, Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days, we entertained and feasted."

What is not common knowledge is that the actual first observance of Thanksgiving, occurred on December 4th, 1619, almost two years before the day set aside by the Pilgrims. This Thanksgiving was entirely religious, and did not involve feasting.

On that December 4th, 39 English settlers arrived on James River, near what is now known as Charles City, Virginia. The charter of that group required that on the day of safe arrival, it would be observed yearly, as a day of thanks to God.

The first Massachusetts civil Thanksgiving was observed on July 8th, 1630, after the safe arrival of all of John Winthrop's ships. But it was not until 1660, before the celebration of harvest gathering, that it became an annual event.

The festivities of the harvest became an annual event in Connecticut in 1649, while Rhode Island did not adopt the festivities until the American Revolution, 140 years later.

By the end of the 18th century, Thanksgiving Day was an institution, but only in New England.

During the American Revolution, days of thanks were set aside for special occasions. On November 26th, 1789, George Washington signed a proclamation stating that day was to be a national day of thanks, but it was not practiced by all states. Washington stated, "November 26th, would be a day to give thanks to God, celebrated by all faiths, and that it would help to promote the spirit of common heritage."

The idea of a national holiday began to spread West by migrating New Englanders, but the south was extremely slow in accepting the idea. In fact, Virginia, in 1855, was the first southern state to adopt the custom.

Sarah J. Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*, a popular women's magazine of the early 19th Century, wrote editorials and letters to President Abe Lincoln, stating that he should establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. This holiday was proclaimed as a national harvest feast, on November 26th, 1863, by Presi-

dent Lincoln.

From 1939-1941, President Franklin Roosevelt set the day a week earlier, to lengthen the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, to promote holiday shopping. Congress then adopted a resolution to change the date to the fourth Thursday of November, every year, rather than during the last week of the month.

In reality, the meaning of Thanksgiving and how it is celebrated has not changed much since the first days

of thanks.

It is basically a "home holiday," with the main emphasis on a gathering of family and friends, never celebrated on a Sunday, but always commemorated by services of all faiths.

This Thanksgiving, as we join with our family and friends gathered around a bountiful table, we should thank God for the fruits of the harvest, in our own lives, and all those who worked to make Thanksgiving Day a national celebration.

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Miss Agawam Beauty Pageant Set For December 3rd

After the absence of the Miss Agawam Pageant for several years, the Agawam Recreation Department along with Program Director Lori Andruss Boyle have reestablished the popular competition last year.

The program will again be directed and produced by Lori Andruss Boyle of the Miss Pioneer Valley Association. Judges will be from various modeling agencies throughout the Boston area.

The event will take place on Saturday, December 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam High School Auditorium.

Three Divisions will be established: "Miss" - 15-21 years; "Teen" - 12-14 years; "Junior" - 9-11 years (new division).

Entry forms will be available at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office (located at the Agawam High School), the Agawam Junior High School Office, and the Agawam Middle School Office. Entry fee for the pageant will be \$15 per person. An optional photogenic category will be offered for \$10. All the necessary information is contained in the entry form.

Laughing Brook Boasts After-Thanksgiving Events

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th. The sanctuary will reopen Friday, November 25th with the first of three family programs scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. Each hour-long program begins at 2:00 p.m., and is included in the price of admission. Pre-registration is not required.

Friday, November 25th is "Wildlife In New England." This guided walk will introduce you to the wildlife residents at Laughing Brook with an emphasis on their habits and habitats.

Saturday, November 26th is "Stories With Mother West Wind." Spend an hour hearing the stories of Thornton Burgess as told by Mother West Wind.

Sunday, November 27th is "Animal Tracks." Join in a walk along the brook in search of tracks and learn how to make plaster casts of animals' tracks for further study.

Laughing Brook is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the sanctuary is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children three to 16 and seniors, and free to children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members. For further information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

6th Annual Craft Fair Coming To Polish Club

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam again received an enthusiastic response from artists and craftspeople who wished to participate in the Saturday, November 26th craft fair, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

An overwhelming turn-out of patrons at last year's craft fair produced a waiting list for exhibitors this year. The Women's Auxiliary is sorry that they could not accommodate all those who wished to enter, but here is some information about those who will be there.

Tessie Losito of Feeding Hills will return with her assortment of stenciled rugs and painted pillows. **Ellen Dzienisz** will display her collection of mouthwatering homemade chocolates.

Dot & Al Shaw will be returning with their large selection of ready-to-paint country wood hay rakes, baskets, houses, blocks, tulips, and animals. They will also have needlework grip stands and framed cross stitch pictures.

Fran Barton will have her collection of wall hangings and placemats. **Mary Basile, Jane Welch, and Maria Austin** will display dried and silk flowers.

Helen Light of Feeding Hills will be present for all of us with a sweet tooth; she has loaded her booth with honey bee crafts. **Katherine Baumert** will be on hand with her collection of applique items.

Cookie Albro, Elaine Smethurst, and Lucille Farrar will offer their ceramic collections, while **Joan Crouse** of Southwick will have items made from pottery.

Sandy Kinsley and Helen Hovagimian will display calico crafts and silk arrangements. **Norma Driscoll** of West Springfield will return with dolls, doll clothes, mittens, and afghans. Stenciled items can be found at **Barbara Caramazza's** booth.

Cynthia Lagace will have soft sculptured calico cloth baskets. **Sue Paul, Ted Robinson, Jean & Phil Raiche, and Don & Flo Godin** will all have handpainted

wood items.

Darlene Wage will display needlepunch, **Marie Berry** and **Eunice Ruskowski** will have needlepoint, and **Alice Stepanik** will offer knitted and counted cross stitch items.

Cindy Flaherty of Enfield and **Frances Coache** will be on hand with their assortments of stuffed dolls. **Linda Shaughnessy** will have counted cross stitch, while **Barbara Moriarty** and **Mary Lee Bertrand** show off their handmade fabric crafts.

A Polish Kitchen

Ladies of the Women's Auxiliary will have hot coffee, tea, and donuts available in the morning. The "Polish Kitchen" will open at lunchtime.

Golumpkies, pierogies, kielbasa sandwiches and dinners, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda, will be available for those who cannot resist. Tables and chairs will be set-up for everyone to enjoy their food or to just relax.

For dessert, the ladies of the Auxiliary will prepare their own booth of tempting homebaked goods. Cakes, breads, cookies, brownies, and pies are just a few of the goodies to choose from.

The Cookbook


The ladies of the Auxiliary have taken hundreds of their favorite recipes and organized them into their own cookbook. This cookbook will be available during the fair along with their Polish totebags, drawstring bags, and aprons.

A Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will be entered into a large scholarship fund.

So, on Saturday, November 26th, come to the Craft Fair at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and enjoy crafts, food, and fun. Parking and admission are free.

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Old-Fashioned Holiday Season At Museums

Get into the holiday spirit when once again the Springfield Library and Museums present an Olde Fashioned Holiday, December 2nd through 11th, at the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

The galleries of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum will be transformed into a shimmering forest by the Festival of Trees. All trees and table decorations are created by area businesses and organizations and are donated to be sold at the Festival of Trees. In addition, this year door decorations, lamp post arrangements and mantel arrangements will also be for sale, as will decorated herbal rosemary topiaries and structural parts for Colonial Williamsburg arrangements.

Amid the Festival's fantasy-woodland galleries, the Fine Arts Council is again planning a holiday luncheon on Friday, December 9th, which will feature Fur Fashions by Marika. A tea room and holiday shop will be open daily at the G.W.V. Smith Art Museum, and holiday music will be performed at 2:00 p.m.

More than a baker's dozen of gingerbread houses will be on display and raffled off at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. The confections are the creations of 15 area bakeries and caterers. Visitors to the historical museum can also purchase tabletop arrangements and take a chance on a hand-decorated Victorian-style doll carriage. The Crafty Persons Sale Table will feature original handmade decorations, and edible items made of ginger can be purchased in the Ginger Room Boutique.

Because of its popularity, this year Connecticut Valley's annual craft fair will run both weekends. Twelve distinct, traditional craftspeople will be selling and exhibiting their work in the Education Center at the Elijah Blake House.

The City Library will present a free concert by Voice of the Turtle on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. The group performs music of the Sephardim, Jews who lived in Spain and Portugal before being expelled in 1492 by the forces of the Inquisition.

The Dylan Thomas classic *A Child's Christmas in Wales* will be read by library staff on December 11th at

2:00 p.m., in the Art and Music Room, and again on December 14th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Forest Park branch library, 380 Belmont Avenue.

The library is also encouraging patrons to "put your mitts on our tree" as once again they put up the mitten tree for donations of new and good-condition-used mittens which will be distributed to local shelters. The harvest from last year's mitten tree also included several scarves, hats and even a sweater. While at the Library, pick-up a free copy of the Holiday Helps, in which staff has compiled music and craft booklists, gift book suggestions, consumer advice and a calendar of activities.

The Science Museum will exhibit 200 of its antique dolls—including some of last year's favorites and featuring many not previously shown. Aviation enthusiasts will enjoy the exhibition of vintage and modern model airplanes. Special programs to complement both the doll and plane exhibits will be featured on weekends.

All exhibits will be open Friday, December 2nd, through Sunday, December 11th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.; and until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7th. All museums are closed Monday, December 5th.

Tickets, which may be purchased at the library or any of the museums, are \$4 for adults, \$1 for children 2-12 (children under 2, free) for admission to all exhibits and activities. Proceeds from the Olde Fashioned Holiday benefit the Library and Museums.

Visitors to the Olde Fashioned Holiday can do their holiday shopping right at the Quadrangle in the shops at both the Science Museum and Museum of Fine Arts which have brought in a special selection of gift items. Remember to bring your membership card for a 10 percent discount in both museum shops.

Free parking is available at the Springfield Library and Museums Association's lots on State or Edwards Streets. Additional parking for a small fee is located at the Civic Center, two blocks from the Quadrangle, or at other public lots nearby.

Sacred Heart Church Sets Christmas Bazaar Dec. 2-3

The Christmas Bazaar at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will be held Friday, December 2nd, from 6:00 to 9:00, and Saturday, December 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Parish Center.

Many people have been busy preparing for these two days. Offered for sale this year will be Christmas decorations, including patchwork tree skirts, wreaths and tree decorations.

At the Country Corner you will find aprons, placemats, potholders, baskets of hens, roosters and hearts, barrettes for little girls, and many other surprises.

There will be knitted and crocheted items, homemade candy, jellies and pickles, toys, Christmas plants, jewelry, an excellent used book and magazine selection, Attic Treasures—where you just might find that certain treasure you've been looking for.

Brought back again this year is a separate room for children to do their shopping. Santa will be there with a photographer to take your picture.

And what would a bazaar be without food, a pot-pourri of homemade goodies will be on sale, as well as a snack bar during the entire bazaar. A quilt made by the women of the parish will be a raffle prize.

Do plan to stop in, do some Christmas shopping, have a snack and enjoy the fun of the bazaar.

Chairwomen of the 1988 Christmas Bazaar are Kay Rau, Linda Parrotta, and Helen Liptak.

Zenith Colorguard To Sponsor Holiday Craft Bazaar

Zenith Colorguard of Springfield, MA will sponsor a holiday craft bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Greenleaf Community Center, Parker Street, Springfield. Featured will be homemade decorations, gifts and baked goods. The public is invited to attend.

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Saturday, December 3rd
St. John's Annual Bazaar
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Agawam Seniors Enjoy Annual Holiday Bazaar



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER HELD its Annual Holiday Bazaar last Friday night and all day Saturday. In photo left, pictured are Maurine Goodwin, Rosemond Paine, Barbara Gingras, and Nellie Robinson; IN PHOTO RIGHT - Helen Blanchard and Virginia MacCauley were selling handmade items. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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News, Activities At Ag. Senior Center

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CRAFTS: The Craft Class is having fun creating new crafts for themselves and the gift shop. We think we have the best in instructors and her name is Asenath Busiere. The class is on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. Why not plan on having lunch at the center and joining Asenath and her creative techniques soon.

TRIPS:

The Mystery Trip scheduled for Thursday, December 8th, has plenty of room for more passengers. At this late date, there are no restrictions as to residence or age. Call or stop in at the Center. For more information, call 786-0400, extension 242, Activities Director.

FROM FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER:

As a result of the Annual Open Meeting which was held at the Senior Center on November 4th, Friends would like to announce the newly elected Board of Directors who will take office beginning January 1st, 1989. They include **Helen Blanchard, Lillian Doyle, Laura Dugan, Hazel French, Barbara Gingras, Grace Letendre, Sandra Smith, and Viola Smith.**

New members are always welcome, and 1988 members are reminded, it is time to renew your membership. Membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth or through a member of the Board of Directors.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT:

Agawam was host to the West Springfield Senior Center Bridge Teams on November 10th for the Fourth Semi-Annual Playoff. Representing Agawam were Mary O'Connor and Wildor Theroux, Team 1; Lena Bontempo and Helen Sprandel, Team 2. Team 1 for West Springfield were Eileen Fleming and Kitty Molino; Team 2, Eunice Chandler and Elly Poehlman.

Four rounds (16 hands) were played, and at the end of the third round, Agawam teams had a good lead and hopes were high that at last Agawam might post a win. But in the fourth round West Springfield's Team 1 put on the pressure. At the end the team totals were West Springfield, 3910, Agawam, 3900! West Springfield won again, but by only "half a trick."

Congratulations to all the players. It was an enjoyable afternoon. West Springfield teams were lunch guests along with fellow players Ruth Greenwood, Viola Frappier, and Heler Molley. Cheering the Agawam teams were Betty Brown, Anna Wasnieski, Minnie Moran, Mary Wilson, and Laura Dugan.

To make the play-offs more interesting, the two centers cooperated in purchasing a trophy to be displayed by the victors between play-offs. The next eight-week tournament is planned for next spring, probably starting in March. Coordinators for the tournaments are Eunice Chandler and Laura Dugan.

"Bridge for Fun" is played here in Agawam every Friday afternoon and there is always room for more players. You don't have to be an expert, we really do play for fun. If you enjoy bridge, do join us. West Springfield players meet on Monday and Thursday afternoons at their Center.

Calendar Of Events Golden Age Club

December 1st: Chapter 1—Special Board Meeting.

December 7th: Chapter 2—Annual Christmas Banquet at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

December 8th: Chapter 1—Annual Christmas Banquet at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

December 14th: Chapter 1—Christmas Party at the Senior Center.

December 21st: Chapter 2—Christmas Party at the Senior Center.

December 23rd: Chapter 2—Board of Directors' meeting cancelled.

December 28th: Chapter 1—New Year's Party at the Senior Center.

Operation Friendship Sponsors Roast Beef Supper

Operation Friendship Chapter of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a non-profit, cultural exchange program, is having its Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, December 3rd, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls & butter, beverage, and dessert. Donation is \$6.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12, and children under five are free. Proceeds from the supper will be used toward hosting a European Operation Friendship Chapter next summer. Reservations can be made by calling Pat Daubney at 789-0348, Sue Mueller at 789-1757 (evenings), or Kathy Rose at 786-0195 (evenings).

Sons Of Norway Slate Meeting November 25th

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 552 will hold its next meeting, Friday, November 25th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

An interesting program is being planned. All persons interested in Norwegian culture are welcome.

For further information, please contact Mrs. William Cook, 562-1338, or Mrs. Paul Davidson, 562-9674.

UNICO To Hold 6th Annual Memorial Mass For Departed

The Agawam Chapter of Unico National will hold their sixth annual Memorial Mass for all the departed members, on Sunday, November 27th, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Agawam. Chaplain, Father Joseph Massaro, C.S.S., will be the celebrant.

Former Unicans to be honored at this Mass will be: Alfonse Alfano, John Beltrandi, Albert Bongiovanni, Anthony Buoniconti, James Bruno Sr., Nicholas Chechile, Paul D'Amato, Louis DePalma, Nicholas DePalo, Anthony D'Donato, Dominic Maiola, James Mercadante, Anthony Natale, James Spagnolo, Francis Rosso, Frank Solitario, Lee Zanotti, Anthony Zerra, Nicholas Zucco.

After the Mass, all are invited to join with the members in a collation which will be held in the church hall.

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Discover the art of still-life and visual trickery of "trompe l'oeil" painting and enjoy a "Festival of Toys" highlighted by a doll-making demonstration and a hands-on program about things that fly at Sunday Spectrum on December 4th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at the Springfield Library and Museums, corner of State and Chestnut Streets. All of the activities which are designed to appeal to all ages are free of charge.

A Quadrangle-wide series of family-oriented programs, Sunday Spectrum features a variety of displays, performances, demonstrations and hands-on projects centered around a common weekly theme. The program is sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

"Trompe L'oeil" painting, which translates to mean "fool the eye," creates the illusion of reality. This intriguing art form will be demonstrated by Hampden artist Jeff Kern from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the Court of the Museum of Fine Arts. Kern will explain trompe l'oeil techniques while working on one of his current pieces.

Visitors can view the Museum of Fine Art's own eye-teasing collection of trompe l'oeil paintings, which features masterpieces by New Haven artist John Haberle (1865-1933).

In addition, visitors can try their own hands at designing trompe l'oeil collages in the art-making workshop of the Museum of Fine Arts and can view the film "John F. Peto" about one of the leading trompe l'oeil artists of the late 19th century in the American Portrait Gallery. Both activities are scheduled from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

At the Science Museum from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., in Tolman Auditorium, professional doll artist Dorothy Mendrala will be demonstrating reproduction porcelain doll-making methods which were common during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Ms. Mendrala, a West Springfield resident, will explain the different phases of making a doll, beginning with the first casting and ending with dressing the completed doll in clothing made from fabrics representative of that era.

The Science Circus, an independent association of science educators, will present "Flights of Fancy," a hands-on program about things that fly, at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., in the Science Workshop of the Science Museum. Visitors will have an opportunity to examine floaters and flyers from the natural world, like seeds, birds, and flying squirrels and can send messages floating off in balloons.

While at the Science Museum, youngsters can take time out to make paper dolls, paper airplanes, and other holiday crafts to decorate their homes.

The December 4th edition of Sunday Spectrum coincides with the Annual Olde Fashioned Holiday at the Quadrangle which runs from December 2nd through 11th. Although all activities associated with Sunday Spectrum are free of charge, there is an admission charge of \$4 for adults, and \$1 for children two to 12 for the special holiday exhibitions. Free parking is available in the Association's lots on State Street, across from the City Library, and on Edwards Street. Additional parking is available nearby at a small cost.

The Springfield Library and Museums Association is a private, non-profit organization comprised of the Springfield City Library System, Museum of Fine Arts, Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, Springfield Science Museum, and George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Sunday Spectrum continues on December 11th with a number of events to help unmask the mysteries of the Winter Solstice and another "Festival of Toys."

Authentic Xmas Fest Slated For Storowton

Holiday time is special at Storowton Village and the first activity of the season is the Winter Holiday Festival, Sunday, December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The authentic colonial Village is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Each of the Village buildings presents a different approach to an old-fashioned holiday celebration with extra interest furnished by a row of six decorated theme trees in the crafts sheds and Santa's workshop depicted in the little Red Barn.

Potter mansion will be decked out in elegant Victorian fashion representing the mood set by those who lived in town during the latter half of the 19th century. Costumed members of the volunteer staff will play roles representing family members busying themselves in anticipation of a gala family party!

Down the road in the Gilbert farmhouse, a sharp contrast is provided by the country look, created by the folks who lived in rural areas and celebrated their holiday in a less lavish manner. Again, volunteer staff members, presenting a picture of early New England folk, will demonstrate a number of ways to create a simple, traditional celebration.

In the schoolhouse, decorated for a 19th century school party, will be a tree of handmade ornaments and a costumed schoolmaster or ma'am ready to lead a game or two for visitors of all ages.

The Meeting House at the head of the green will welcome visitors with its traditional decorations of greens, candles and ribbons and the sound of carols will fill the air.

There will be historic reenactments by Storowton Militia, and folks are invited to help decorate the Village Christmas Tree with their handmade ornaments, and join in on the 2:00 p.m. Village sing-along and Holiday Concert led by the Old Colony Group of Sweet Adelines in the Meeting House. The concert will be preceded by an announcement by the town crier calling all Village folk to convene.

The smell of good food cooking on an open hearth, bayberry candles in the making, the voices of villagers sharing the old-fashioned traditions, special exhibits and a wide array of gifts for your own celebrating are

available in the shops and will welcome those who visit on the first Sunday in December at Storowton Village. The magic of the holiday spirit will be waiting.

Parking is free and admission is \$2.50 for adults, and 75 cents for children 10 to 16. Light refreshments are available in the church basement served by the Youth Group Volunteers.

For more information, call the Village, 787-0136.



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Holiday Specials Coming Soon On Channel 57

Silent Mouse, Sunday, December 4th, at 12:15 p.m.

Set in an Austrian mountain village, this is the charming tale of how the world's most beloved Christmas carol, "Silent Night," came to be written, and performed for the first time.

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Silent Mouse, narrated by Lynn Redgrave, reveals the events that led to this special discovery.

The True Gift Of Christmas, Sunday, December 4th, at 1:30 p.m.

In this family fantasy, international skating superstars, including Olympic medalist Toller Cranston, portray the myths, the magic, the music, and the folklore of Christmas.

Befana, Italy's version of Santa Claus, takes a young boy on a magical journey in **The True Gift Of Christmas** to rediscover the true meaning of giving. During their adventures, they encounter both humorous and terrifying characters on the road to every Christmas.

A Christmas Carol, Sunday, December 4th, at 3:00 p.m.

On a December afternoon in 1843, Charles Dickens confessed about his novel *A Christmas Carol*, "I have endeavored in this Ghostly little book to raise the Ghost of an idea which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me... Their faithful Friend and Servant."

On the ghostly afternoon of December 4th, 140 years later, Charles Dickens' colorful characters—Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, and all the Christmas Ghosts will be brought to life in the eternal motion picture classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Alastair Sim, as the greedy, stingy miser Ebenezer Scrooge, heads the impressive cast in creating the magic of Dickens that has provided heartwarming entertainment to ghostly audiences of the past, present, and the future...

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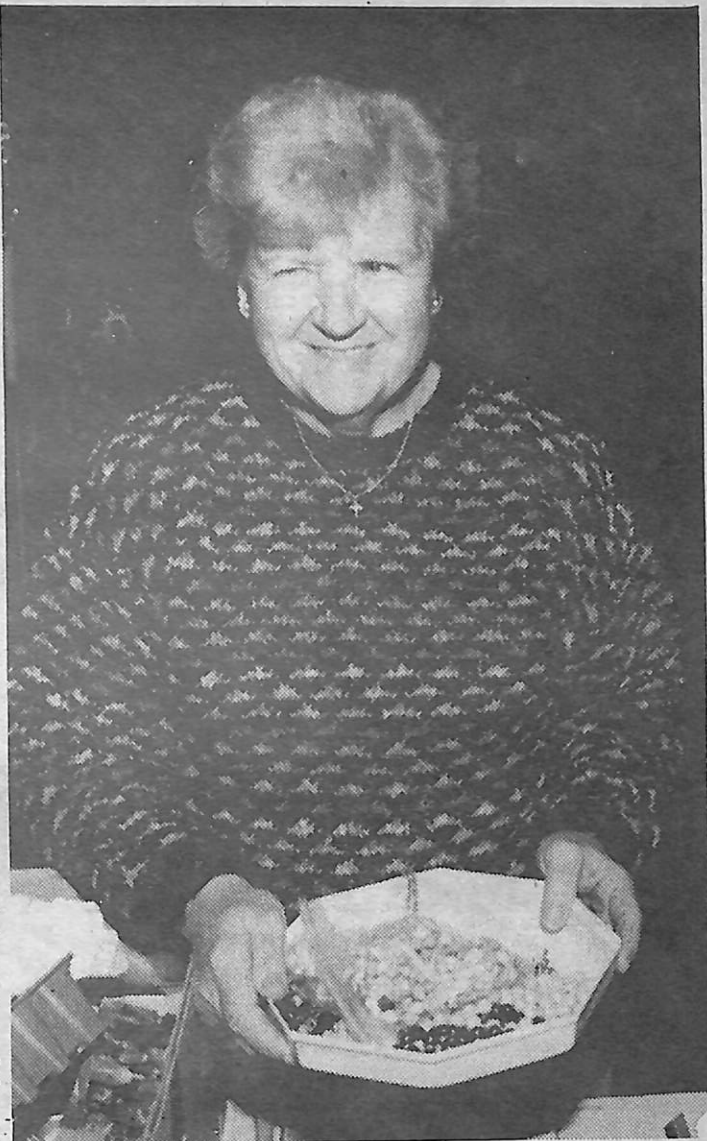
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“Bazaar Saturday” In Agawam Brings-



JEANNETTE BOUCHER of St. Theresa's Church was at her church bazaar looking over this display of jewelry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BEULAH BAILEY and SANDIE MARQUIS were selling baked goods at the “Jingle Valley Fair” of the Agawam Baptist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HERITAGE HALL NURSING last weekend. Displaying handknit Kay Babcock and Frances O'Connell.



STEVEN FORNI, 2½, and JESSICA FORNI, 6, appear to have found exactly what they were looking for at the Christmas bazaar sponsored by the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OVER AT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH, Althea Cowles, and Vivian Benoit were selling children's games at St. Theresa's Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE GIFT TABLE of the “Jingle Valley Fair” of the Agawam Baptist Church was manned by Kay Goss (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

s-Out Huge Crowds Of Townspeople



G HOME held its Holiday Bazaar made items in the West Building are onnell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HELEN H. KANE and LOIS BUINISKAS show-off assorted handmade items at the "Jingle Valley Fair" at the Agawam First Baptist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARION D. POND proudly holds a hand-made pillow case that was on sale at the church bazaar sponsored by the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Valley Fair" at the Agawam by Anne Pennock and Jean Devine.



HELEN GRAVELINE and IRMA MARTIN were showing a variety of Christmas ornaments and hand-made items at the St. Theresa Church bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS were being sold at the Agawam Congregational Church by Alice Stepat and Esther Straszko. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Lions Club Honored For Service



OVER 150 AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS, friends, and members of the Agawam Lions Club gathered at Chez Josef, Friday night, November 18th, for the Annual Dinner Dance sponsored by UNICO. This year, the Agawam Lions Club was the recipient of UNICO's "Man of the Year Award" for its continued excellence in community service. IN PHOTOS ABOVE, (top left), Frank Chriscola, Agawam UNICO's selection committee chairman, praises the Lions Club for its good works (Chriscola is also a member of the Lions); (PHOTO TOP RIGHT), from left - State Rep. Michael P. Walsh, Peter Forastiere; master of ceremonies; Thomas Cascio, Lions president; Richard Forni, UNICO president; and Frank Chriscola, selection committee member; (PHOTO BOTTOM RIGHT) - Lions Club President Thomas Cascio receives the award on behalf of the club from Frank Chriscola.

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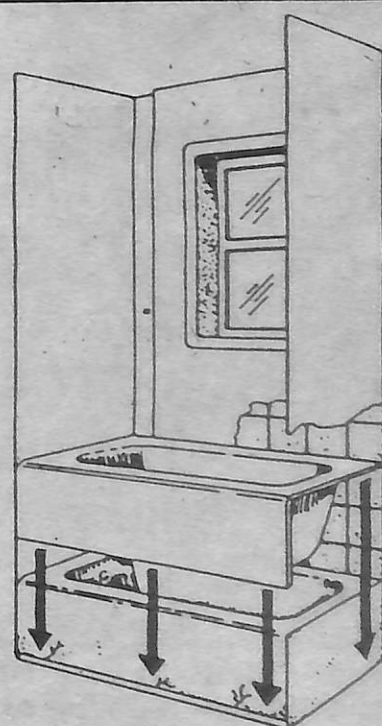
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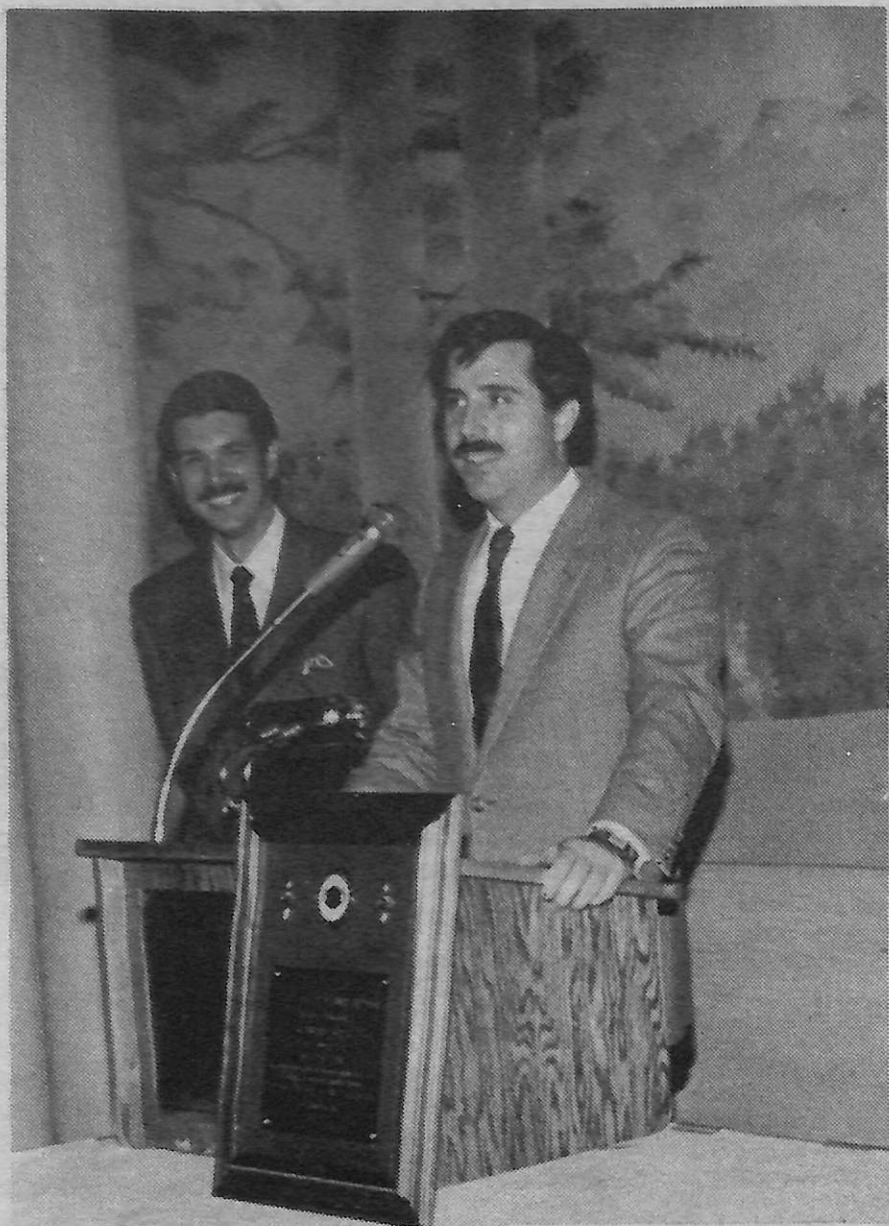
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At Annual Dinner Dance Of Agawam UNICO



AT CHEZ JOSEF Friday night, State Rep. Michael P. Walsh sings the praises of the Agawam Lions Club while Peter Forastiere, the master of ceremonies, looks on. Walsh is a UNICO member. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT THOMAS CASCIO receives a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives from State Rep. Michael P. Walsh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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FROM THE PULPIT

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Taking Stock In The Thanksgiving Grace

Thanksgiving is a time for taking stock of all that God has given us, in particular life in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. A recent *Guideposts* article, given to me by a member of my parish, highlighted this theme:

"Soon our family will be sitting down to another Thanksgiving dinner here on the farm, which has been in our family for three generations. This year, in addition to the family roast turkey, and the potatoes, green beans and corn from our garden, there will be something different on our table: a plain old cardboard shoe box. In a way that box will be the most important part of our Thanksgiving dinner. Why? Because it is filled with our thanks."

The article goes on to describe how, in the midst of a drought, this Midwest family happened upon the idea of writing a daily thanksgiving on a piece of paper and dropping it into the box. Though the crisis continued through the year, nonetheless, the box became heavier and richer by the day. It will be opened on Thanksgiving Day, and the contents will be read aloud. The author writes, *"after the pumpkin pie and coffee, Bob will open the box and we will reach each blessing, talk about it, and thank God again for His bounteous gifts. This 'Blessing Box' will be our real dessert."*

Whether or not you have a 'Blessing Box,' why not let your real Thanksgiving dessert this year be a time for thanks-giving? Perhaps you could just go around the table, and ask each member of the family to give thanks for something. If you are visiting someone who is non-religious, they will not be offended by this suggestion—my extended family enjoys saying thank-you "to whom it may concern." And, if you are together with Christians, you can close this time by reading a Psalm (such as 104), and having a prayer.

However you choose, let us thank the Lord for His marvelous gifts!

Winter Holiday Festival At Storowton

Storowton Village will present its annual Winter Holiday Festival, Sunday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the colonial Village located on the Exposition ground in West Springfield, MA.

Festivities include tours of homes and buildings, historic re-enactments, visits with Santa, Village tree decorating, caroling, children's games and more.

Sacred Heart Church Plans Bazaar For Dec. 2-3



AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN Feeding Hills, Sophie Martin, Mae Laffert, Nancy Doucette, and Carol Pignatere are busily preparing for the December 2nd and 3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. John's Annual Bazaar Scheduled For December 3rd

St. John's Annual Bazaar, sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held on December 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at St. John's Church Parish Center, Route 159 (Main Street), Agawam. Come one! Come all! There is no admission fee.

Co-chairwomen of the bazaar are **Mrs. William Beaudry, Mrs. David Raiche, Mrs. Marguerite LaFrancis, Mrs. Stanley Ciempa, Mrs. Philip Malinoski**; Attic Treasures: **Mrs. John Dean, Mrs. James Moran**; Book Booth: **Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Mrs. William McCormick**; Bountiful Basket: **Mrs. J. Rene Hamel, Mrs. Alfred Dugan**.

Christmas Booth: **Mrs. Francis Capitanio, Mrs. John Morin**; Christmas Wrapping: **Mrs. Linda Bryskiewicz, Judith Clow**; Jewelry Booth: **Mrs. Philip Deforge**; Kitchen Kapers: **Mrs. Patrick Vassallo, Mrs. Victor Moreno**; Knitting: **Mrs. Richard Gingras**.

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Bay Path Junior College To Hold Service Of Lights

Bay Path College will hold its Annual Service of Lights, Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:30 p.m., in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus.

The ecumenical program of music and readings is sponsored by Bay Path's Interfaith Council and is open to the public with no charge for admission.

Featured will be holiday music by the College's Glee Club and Chamber Singers/Keynotes, under the direction of Charles E. Page, director of music, as well as seasonal readings by Bay Path students and the college's chaplains, Reverend Ward R. Smith and Reverend Jeddie B. Brooks. Those attending will also have the opportunity to join in a carol sing.

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Cooking affords many seasonal pleasures when we take our cue from nature. When the first pumpkins of fall turn a deep, rich gold, we know it's time for pumpkin pies, soups and breads.

Prunes, too, have a season. But because they're available year 'round, we tend to forget that like pumpkins, fall is their harvest time. This year, celebrate the fall harvest with Spiced Pumpkin Prune Loaf, a flavorful quick bread that conveniently yields two loaves—one for now and one to freeze for later.

Prune juice adds fruity moistness to the batter and nuggets of chopped prunes contribute chewy texture and rich taste. Prunes also provide excellent supplies of fiber, as well as Vitamin A, potassium and iron.

While perfect for fall, remember that you can bake Pumpkin Prune Loaf any time of year. Canned pumpkin, prunes and prune juice are always available—even when the harvest is long over.

Spiced Pumpkin Prune Loaf

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 can (16 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 cup prune juice

- 4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon each cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger
- 12 ounces (about 2 cups) pitted prunes, quartered
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

In large mixing bowl beat eggs; beat in oil, sugar, pumpkin, and prune juice. In another bowl combine flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder and spices. Add to pumpkin mixture; mix just until blended. Fold prunes and walnuts into batter. Turn into two greased 5X9-inch loaf pans, equally divided. Bake in 350° oven 60 to 70 minutes until pick inserted into centers comes out clean. Cool in pans on racks 10 minutes. Turn out of pans and cool completely. Wrap securely in plastic or foil. Double wrap and freeze one loaf, if you wish. Slice to serve. Makes two, 9-inch loaves.

Apple Twists

- 2 apples peeled (cut each into 8 wedges)
- 1½ cups flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup melted butter or margarine
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup water

Mix flour, salt, and shortening and 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water as for pie crust. Roll thin; cut ¾ inch strips. Wrap strips around apple slices; arrange in lightly greased baking pan, leaving space between each twist. Brush with butter; sprinkle with mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Pour water over all. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Makes 16 pastries.

Libby's Famous Pumpkin Pie

- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 16 ounce can Libby's Solid Pack Pumpkin
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ginger

- ¼ teaspoon cloves
 - 1½ cups (13 fluid ounces) evaporated milk
 - 1 9-inch unbaked pie shell with high fluted edge
- Mix filling ingredients in order given. Pour into pie shell. Bake in preheated 425°F oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°F and continue baking for 45 minutes, until knife inserted in center of pie filling comes out clean. Cool. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired. Makes one 9-inch pie, or 4 to 5 individual pies. The 29 ounce can of Libby's pumpkin will make 2 pies.

Cabbage Saute

Sauteed cabbage, as a side dish, is a tasty variation from boiled or steamed cabbage.

- 1 small head cabbage (2 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons butter, margarine or bacon drippings
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon paprika

Shred (thinly sliced) cabbage. Saute garlic and/or onion in butter. Add cabbage and saute. Add seasonings. Place in a lightly greased baking dish. Pour evaporated milk or sour cream over the top. Bake for about 20 minutes at 375°. Serves 4.

Micro-Easy: Cheese Onion Potatoes

Perfect for all of you microwave fans. You will like the creamy texture and easy cleanup.

- 1 envelope Lipton Onion Recipe Soup Mix
 - ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon pepper
 - 5 cups thinly sliced potatoes (about 2 pounds)
 - 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, cut into small pieces
 - 1½ cups shredded cheddar cheese (about 6 ounces)
 - 1½ cups water
 - 1 can (13 ounce) evaporated milk
- In medium bowl, combine Lipton Onion Recipe Soup Mix, flour, salt, and pepper.

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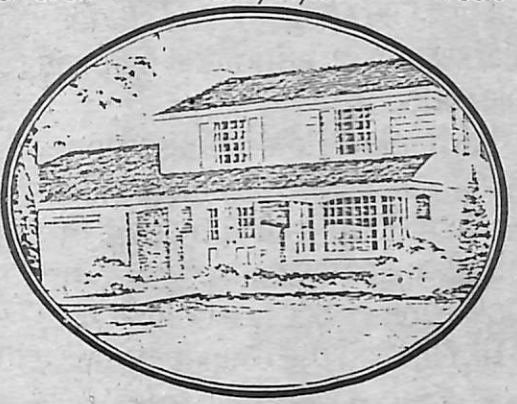
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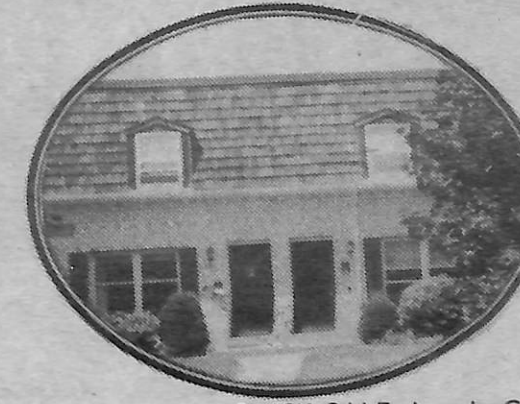
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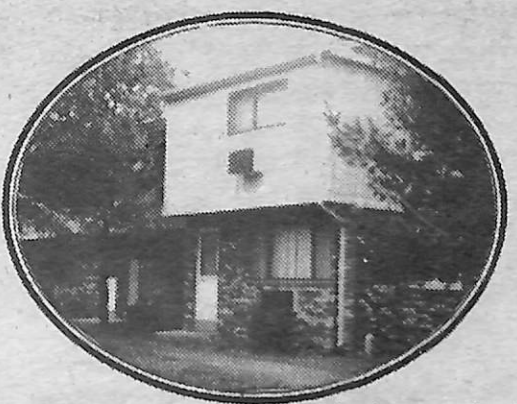
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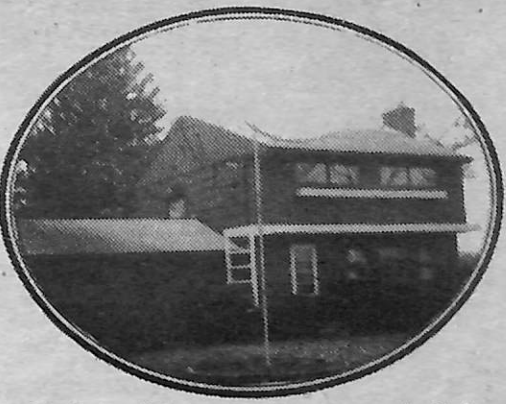
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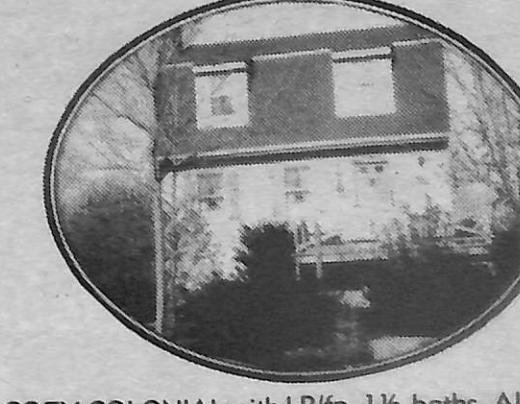
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Annual Holly Days Bazaar To Be Held December 3rd-4th

The Annual Holly Days Bazaar of West Springfield Unit 207 of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Saturday, December 3rd, and Sunday, December 4th, in the Legion Home on Park Avenue. Saturday hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday hours are from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be present for the children, and luncheons will be served as well as coffee and donuts in the morning.

Irene Conway is being assisted by Food Table Committee, Gertrude Ventulett and Karen Boyd; Knit Wits Table, Helen Guidi and Helen O'Leary; 10-4 Table, Rose Raineault and Ruth Milsop; Santa's Attic Treasures, Rose Mezzetti, Esther Russell, Ellen Lomascio, and Angela Leporati; Calico Shop, Mary Wellman and Esther Wellman; Special Raffle, Norma Lane; Christmas Trim The Tree Shop, Marie Whalen.

The Mother Claus Kitchen will be open all day with Mary Ann Ventulett in charge, and the Junior's Table will be supervised by Kathleen Granger and Gail Vogel with the junior members assisting under the direction of Junior President Anna Lee Granger.

Many beautiful handmade articles are being fashioned by Unit members with special prizes of a microwave oven, handmade quilt, set of Farberware cookware, and quilted Nativity Set. The quilt was made and donated by Marie Whalen as was the cookware.

Funds for this annual event will be used for the Christmas Gift Shop at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke where patients choose gifts for their family members at no cost to them. They are donated, wrapped, and sent home by Auxiliary volunteers working that day.

The local unit also remembers their shut-in members as well as their West Springfield Gold Star Mothers for the holidays. Plants are sent to the VA Medical Center in Northampton and the Soldiers Home for holiday decorations, and wine is given to the West Springfield Housing for the Elderly Centers for their Christmas parties. The unit has adopted a ward at the Soldiers Home for over 16 years, and gifts are provided at holidays and throughout the year.

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RECIPES - From Page 24...

In 3 quart glass casserole, combine potatoes, soup mixture, butter and 1 cup cheese; pour water over mixture. Heat uncovered at HIGH (full power), stirring occasionally, 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in milk and heat, stirring occasionally, 12 minutes or until sauce is thickened. Top with remaining cheese and heat 1 minute or until cheese is melted. Let stand covered 5 minutes. Yield: 10 servings.

Children's Giving Tree Again At Baystate West Shops

The Fifth Annual Children's Giving Tree begins the 1988 holiday season with an opening ceremony at the Baystate West Shops. The celebration takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Central High School's Madrigal Singers will perform Christmas carols while students from the Springfield Day Nursery and members of the Springfield Golden Agers Club place the first handmade ornaments on the tree.

Now a local tradition, the Children's Giving Tree, sponsored by the Milton Bradley Company, makes certain that needy children in the Springfield area receive Christmas presents. For every handmade ornament placed on the tree, Milton Bradley will donate a toy or game to one of three children's charities.

Representatives from the charities — the United Way, The Salvation Army Toy for Joy and the Marine Corps Toys for Tots — will join Milton Bradley President George Ditomassi and WHYN Radio, the official Giving Tree radio station, for the opening day festivities.

For more information, contact Mark Morris at Milton Bradley at 525-6411, ext. 2307.



Polish Club Slates Sixth Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, November 26th is the one day everyone should circle on their calendars; that is the day the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club will hold its craft fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Top area craftspeople are now busily preparing for this event, which each year proves to be a huge success.

A grand assortment of crafts, such as Christmas decorations, wood crafts, cross stitch, stenciled items, stained glass, ceramics, homemade chocolates and much more will be for sale.

A "Polish Kitchen" featuring traditional Polish favorites will be in operation throughout the fair. Tables and chairs will be set up for everyone to enjoy their food or just to relax.

For dessert, the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary will prepare their own booth of tempting homebaked goods. Cakes, breads, cookies, brownies, and pies will be just a few of the goodies to choose from.

Also, raffle tickets will be available at the door to everyone who wishes to purchase a chance or two.

So, on Saturday, November 26th, come to the craft fair at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and enjoy the wonderful crafts and delicious foods.

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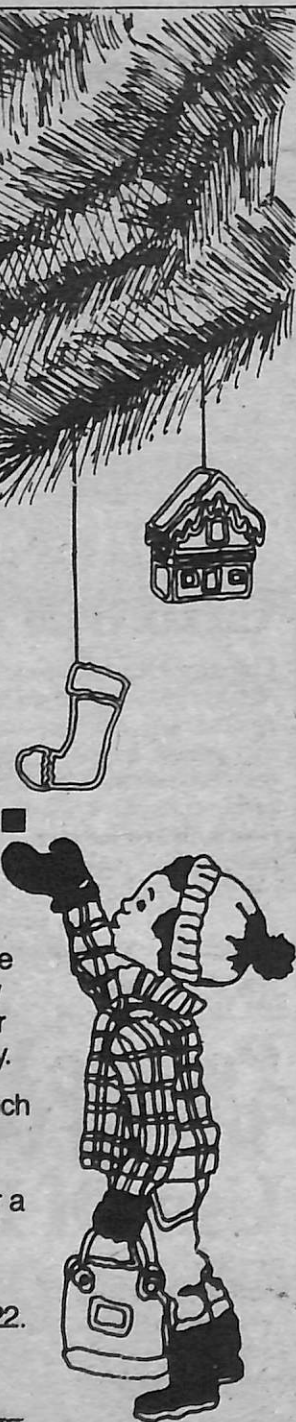
That means disadvantaged kids locally will have a much merrier Christmas. So, get to work on your ornament because even if you aren't one of Santa's official helpers, you can make the holiday season brighter for a lot of youngsters.

Bring ornaments to the The Shops at Baystate West during regular mall hours, November 22 - December 22.

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Agawam High Class Of 1973 Holds 15-Year Gala



FUN-LOVING CLASSMATES from the Agawam High School Class of 1973 held a gala 15-year reunion at the Storowton Tavern Carriage House, Friday night, November 18th. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 27.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL 1973 classmates Ellen Horacek Wilcox (Florida) and Lenore Masciotra Brooks (Missouri) traveled the furthest to attend last Friday's night gala 15-year reunion at Storowton Carriage House. Over 190 people attended. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REUNION COMMITTEE members for the Agawam High Class of 1973 included (back) Debbie Conte and Bud Ramah; front row - Peggy Cardaropoli, Sue Meunier, and Ellen & Doug Janik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Yes. Then consider a visit to the gift shop at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts. In celebration of the major exhibition, **Lasting Impressions: French and American Impressionism from New England Museums**, the gift shop is stocked to the rafters with related items including: postcards, note paper, stickers, puzzles, engagement books, and wall calendars featuring Impressionist artists.

Local artist Valerie McQuillan has designed T-shirts in honor of the exhibition, sized for children and adults. Books on the Impressionist era are also for sale, as well as the exhibition catalogue written by curators Steven Kern and William Stern. The catalogue includes an essay by Jean Harris, the late professor of art history at Mount Holyoke College and is rich with color illustrations.

tions.

Also available is the exhibition poster, a colorful creation featuring three of the exhibition paintings. This poster was designed by the Connecticut advertising agency Mintz and Hoke.

The exhibition, **Lasting Impressions: French and American Impressionism from New England Museums**, brings together for the first time ever, about 60 masterpieces by such French and American artists as Renoir, Degas, Monet, Cassatt, Hassam and Metcalf.

This dazzling show, and many of the educational programs highlighting it, are made possible through a generous contribution from the Springfield Institution for Savings.

The gift shop is open during regular museum hours and will be open for business during all private group tours. Regular museum hours are noon to 5:00 p.m., daily; closed Mondays. For more information, call the gift shop at (413) 732-6092.

Agawam Women's Club To Meet Monday, Nov. 28th

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on Monday evening, November 28th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Past presidents of the Club will be honored and Mrs. Joseph Stirlacci of Springfield, 14th District Director of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, will be a special guest. Also, presidents of the other clubs of the 14th District of the Federation have been invited.

Betty Johnson of South Hadley will present a program of slides taken on her recent trip to China. Aletha Hodge, Betty Brown and Dorothy Thorpe will have charge of hospitality for the evening.

Members are reminded that items for the Christmas bags for veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home are needed. Marion Pond and Nellie Waterbury are in charge of this club project.

Trading Post To Hold 20 Percent Off Sale

The Trading Post, First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm, Agawam will hold a "twenty percent off sale" on Wednesday, November 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This is the first special sale of the year, so there are many excellent choices, great prices, clothes for the whole family and all occasions, and good selections in petites, juniors, and large for the ladies, plus regular sizes, winter coats, jackets - a good selection in all departments for men, women and children.

The sale features 20% off all items.

The Trading Post also has small household items, drapes, bedspreads, pots and pans, paperback books, games, jewelry, and many other articles for sale.

The Trading Post is a consignment shop sponsored by the church, with the volunteer help of many members. It is open on Wednesday during the school year, closed only for Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks.



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Holiday Antiques Fair At Big E On Dec 3-4

Antiques for Christmas gift giving will be featured at the third New England Holiday Antiques & Collectibles Show & Sale on December 3rd and 4th, 1988, at the Eastern States Exposition Center at 1305 Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, MA. The show will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The show will feature 197 booths of antiques and collectibles just perfect for Holiday gift giving.

Dealers will be coming from all of the New England States, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mr. Dudley will be available to repair fine china and porcelain. In addition to a selection of Christmas collectibles, several of the dealers will be offering antique toys, children's books and furniture. Others will offer everything from African and American Indian collectibles, to baseball cards, bric-a-brac, cameras, collector plates and commemorative, lots of country collectibles and furniture, dolls, ephemera, estate linen and jewelry, fine art, furniture of all types, glassware, kitchen collectibles, oriental rugs, perfume bottles, primitives, quilts, sheet music, steins, teddy bears, vintage clothing and much, much more. Many dealers will be bringing small, moderately priced items perfect for gift giving. While over 20 dealers will be offering furniture items for the holiday.

Christmas music will lend a holiday atmosphere to the show. On Sunday historic Storowton Village, located on the grounds of Eastern States, will conduct the Winter Holiday Festival during the show hours. This will include colonial costumes, recreations, and a colonial holiday celebration.

Admission to The New England Holiday Antiques and Collectibles Show will be only \$1.50 with ample free parking. MasterCard, Visa and Discover will be honored by participating dealers. Eastern States may be reached via I-91 and Route 5 in West Springfield, MA.

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Air National Guard Seeks Recruits

The Air National Guard at Barnes Airport in Westfield is now offering a \$2,000 cash bonus for persons without prior service who enlist in certain critical career fields, according to TSgt Val Melloni, recruiter at Barnes Airport in Westfield.

"What is most exciting," says Melloni, "is that this bonus is in addition to the other benefits of Air Guard membership."

Air Guard members are eligible for up to 130 credits of free tuition at state-run colleges and persons without prior service can receive this benefit immediately upon enlistment. Enlistees must attend an initial active duty training period, usually about four months. This training is booked in advance and must be within nine months of enlistment. Some trainees have time to attend a free semester of college while awaiting active duty

training.

Other benefits include a free retirement program, exchange privileges, free space-available plane flights, and the chance to travel.

Members participate in Air Guard duty one weekend each month in Westfield and an annual 15-day period of duty, often at an overseas installation.

Non-veterans must be between 17 and 34 years-old, high school graduates, or seniors, and pass a written and physical examination for military enlistment.

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For Your Health

MSPCC Offers Safe Holiday Travel Tips

This is peak travel time across the nation. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) reminds parents who are traveling with children to be aware of potential risks. The higher the "stress quotient" on both children and adults, the more likelihood of accidents, loss and emotional pressure. The MSPCC reminds travelers:

- Arrange a "buddy system" in crowded terminals. One family member is to be responsible for another. With children under 10, holding the child's hand firmly in crowds alleviates anxiety and separation.
- Never leave children unattended in a car even for a few moments.

- Carry small toys, drinks, snacks, cloth and paperback books to distract and entertain youngsters. Young people have short attention spans. When the whining and wriggles increase, adult patience decreases.

- Be aware of the location of rest rooms. Tired travelers require more stops than stay-at-homes. Have extra bottles and diapers in case of bus or airport delays.

- Do not permit a child under 10 to move about unsupervised during the journey. Crowded public places are potential spots for child abduction.

- Breaks in family schedules are disorienting. Try to adhere to regular meal and bedtimes as much as possible.

- Whether the family is visiting or hosting Thanksgiving, too much food, stimulation, being held or "party manners" can be a strain for young or old.

For a truly thankful holiday, keep all loved ones safe.

Providence Offers Free Diabetic Classes

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Teaching Program will present a series of free classes beginning Friday, December 2nd, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, said classes are open to all diabetics, their families and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next one will be held on December 8th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2.00 donation is asked to cover some of the costs.

The December diabetic class schedule is as follows:

- December 2nd:** An explanation of diabetes for diabetics, including signs and symptoms.

- December 9th:** Administration of insulin, reactions, oral medications and signs of shock and coma.

- December 16th:** Blood and urine glucose monitoring, more shock and coma discussion and Dr. Robert Fleischner, Springfield podiatrist, will discuss foot care.

YOUR Dental Health

by Dr. Stephen R. Jacapraro
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Checkups For The Elderly

Q. If an elderly person does not have an immediate dental problem, is it still advisable to arrange regular checkups?

A. Regular dental care, both at home and in the dentist's office, often is neglected by the elderly even though it is part of preventive health care. The National Institute on Aging points out that the idea of preventive dental care dates back only to the 1950's and it did not become routine at an early age for most of today's elderly people.

Regular checkups, in addition to all of the usual reasons, pay special attention to problems of the elderly. If arthritis makes it difficult to hold a toothbrush, the dentist can suggest solutions. Dentures that have been in use for years should be examined to see if they need relining or replacement. Most important, checkups are the means of discovering serious oral diseases at an early stage when they can be treated most effectively.

Presented as a community service by Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Phone: 786-8177.

S.T.A.R.T. Exercising...

by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
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DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

After playing aggressive tennis lately, I recently hurt my knee. I was unable to straighten it all the way without experiencing sharp pain behind the knee. I was diagnosed as having "tennis leg"! Could you explain this further?

Wounded Knee

DEAR WOUNDED KNEE:

Tennis leg is a term used to describe a strain or a rupture of the plantaris muscle. This muscle is located behind the outside of the knee and attaches to the heel cord (Achilles tendon). It is a relatively small muscle that helps in bending the knee and pointing the foot downward.

The term "tennis leg" comes from a plantaris muscle strain that is most commonly seen with tennis players. The source of the injury usually occurs after the onset of fatigue. The player is typically in a crouched position, thereby putting a stretch on the lower portion of the plantaris muscle. The sudden lurching forward to return a hard shot will tear or rupture the muscle. It may feel like a snap of a whip on the inside of your lower leg. Pain accompanied by the inability to straighten out the knee is a good sign that you may have injured your plantaris muscle.

If this is the case, it's a good idea to put ice on the back of the knee for at least 15 minutes for the first two to three days. This should be followed by slow, gentle stretching of the calf muscles. After the initial icing period is over, moist heat will be beneficial combined with gentle stretching. After a few days of the heat and stretching, you should begin to feel much better. If it still bothers you by then, don't hesitate to call us at S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy, 786-8908.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Seminars On Holiday Time Stress By Dr. Sobel

Dr. Steven Sobel should be called at (413) 732-2759 or 786-1259 to receive information on his "HOLIDAY COOLER" stress seminars. There are three sessions to choose from: December 7th (evening), December 10th (morning), and December 12th (evening). All sessions are an hour and a half and will require pre-registration. Fee is \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Group rates are also available. Descriptive flyers will be sent to you about this exciting and informative holiday stress session. All sessions will be held at Dr. Sobel's offices located at 322 Main Street, Springfield, in his newly constructed conference center. Call Dr. Sobel at 732-2759 or 785-1259. People from all occupations, professions and organizations will benefit. Sobel is Director of The New England Institute for Stress Management.

Mercy Hospital To Offer Stroke Support Group

The Regional Rehabilitation Center at Mercy Hospital will be holding a stroke support group meeting on Monday, November 29th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the second floor conference room of the Regional Rehabilitation Center. Individuals who have experienced stroke, and their family members, are invited to attend.

Speaker for the program will be Mary B. Greany, R.N., C.S.N. Her presentation will address the availability of community support resources for health care and health maintenance. Greany is a clinical nurse supervisor at the Regional Rehabilitation Center.

The presentation will be followed by an informal discussion regarding the physical, social, and emotional changes experienced by individuals and families after a stroke.

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Spotlight On Business...

N.E. School Supply Mans Kettles For Salvation Army

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

It's getting harder and harder to find volunteers to man Salvation Army kettles during the pre-Christmas season, but one Agawam firm has come up with an interesting solution to the problem.

New England School Supply, located on Silver Street, has challenged area businesses to provide volunteers to man the kettles. And some 100 NESS employees will take rotating two-hour shifts at a Salvation Army kettle to be placed at the Suffield Street Big Y Supermarket.

NESS Vice-President of Operations, Warren Luthgren, read of the Salvation Army's dilemma last year and decided he and his company could do something about it.

Last year, the Salvation Army could have placed as many as 44 kettles a day throughout the area, but only had the manpower to staff 10 of them on any given day. NESS employees will be "on duty" from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, at the Big Y.

"I read about the problem," Luthgren said, "and we (his staff) talked it over. Then we just decided to do it."

NESS, which employs as many as 190 employees at peak season, found no problems in recruiting volunteers with the holiday spirit of giving (in this case, a gift of volunteer time).

Major Marjorie Osman of the Salvation Army said she has been actively trying to recruit volunteers from area service clubs, including the American Association of Retired Persons, Councils on Aging, veterans, and church groups, but hadn't really thought of the business angle.

"It's the first time in 33 years that a business has donated their time. It's unique!" she said.

Osman stated that many of the people who used to be depended on to staff the kettles are working now, and volunteer resources are drying-up in an age of the



WARREN LUTHGREN, vice-president of New England School Supply on Silver Street, Agawam, greets Major Marjorie Osman of the Salvation Army to plan for some 100 New England School Supply employees to man Salvation Army kettles at the Big Y Supermarket in Agawam. Also in photo are New England School Supply employees Haney and Herb Rex. Luthgren challenged all Agawam businesses to provide volunteers to assist with the annual Christmas tradition. Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

two-income economy.

"We've had a hard time getting volunteers."

To that end, Luthgren again issued a challenge to area businesses to provide volunteers help with this annual tradition.

The Salvation Army depends on the donations received at the Christmas season to provide for its many charitable works.

"Our employees are very sensitive to the needs of others," Luthgren said. "That's exemplified by their support of this project to help the Salvation Army."

"Helping the Salvation Army is our Christmas gift to the needs of our community," he concluded.

Other companies wishing to help can call the Salvation Army in Springfield.

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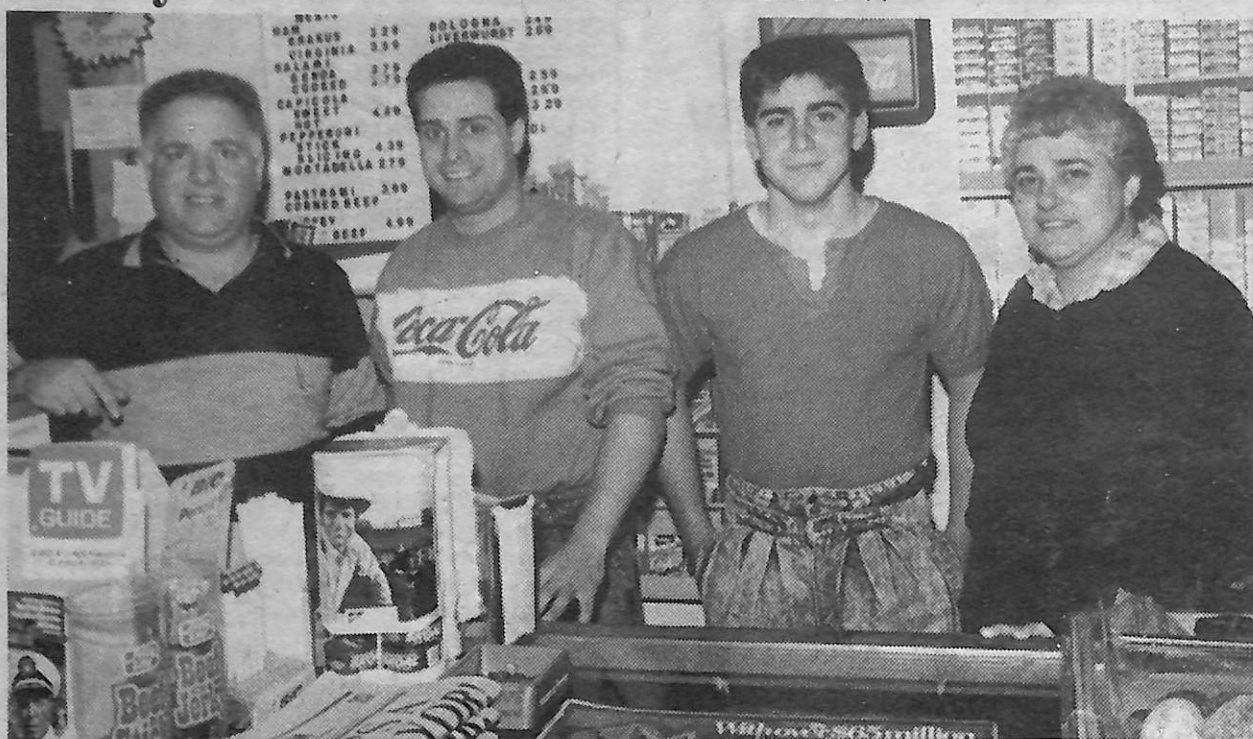
Individuals with Alzheimer's or other disabilities are encouraged to attend.

Spotlight On Business...

Sibilia's Variety Store Continues To Grow



SIBILIA'S VARIETY STORE EMPLOYEES - Photo left - Ted Kopyscinski, Carole Mutti, and Tom Sibilia; photo top right - a foursome of Sibilia's - Jerry, Tom, Michael, and Marie; in photo right, the storefront is pictured, located on Main Street, Agawam Center, just across from Westfield Savings Bank. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Mr. Harvey recently introduced a concept which focuses intensely on patient's rights within a nursing home. The five major rights include right to information and freedom of expression, right to privacy, right to respect and dignity, right to continuity, and right to hold responsibility and to participate.

He hopes to gain more fluency in his conversational English during this visit, so that he may return to Canada and formally introduce this heightened patient's rights philosophy to other Canadian nursing homes.

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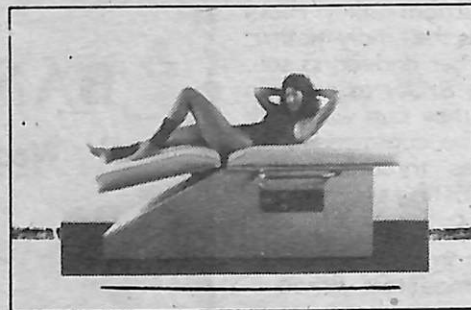


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PHILM REVIEW

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—Bird: 2½ STARS

Directed by but not starring Clint Eastwood (*Heartbreak Ridge*), this somber biography examines the tragic story of Charlie "Bird" Parker (Forest Whitaker), a legendary black saxophonist whose renowned contributions to the world of jazz music during the 1940's and 50's were offset by a life-threatening addiction to drugs and alcohol that continually hindered both his career as a musician and his marriage to a Caucasian dancer (Diane Venora).

Bird is the kind of film that has its admirable points yet is difficult to enjoy. On the positive side, it is not only one of the most atmospheric and authentic-looking pictures about jazz that's ever been made, but it also showcases an ensemble of outstanding performances which is highlighted by Whitaker's (*Good Morning, Vietnam*) Oscar-worthy portrayal of the happy-go-lucky but ultimately self-destructive title character.

However, on the negative side, this movie is unforgivably dull. In many recent interviews, Eastwood has expressed both his long-time fascination with the life and times of Charlie Parker and his desire to bring this true-life tale to the silver screen; unfortunately, Eastwood's fervent interest in this particular person has led him to create a two-hour and 40 minute epic which runs for about an hour too long.

What's more, the drawn-out storyline is frequently and needlessly confusing, and in its attempts to recreate the dark and smoky atmosphere of jazz-oriented nightclubs, the film is, on occasion, so dimly lit that we can barely see the characters before our eyes.

Like the recently-released rock-and-roll documentary *U2 Rattle and Hum*, *Bird* will appeal only to those people who have any previous knowledge about its subject matter, and will—at the same time—thoroughly bore everyone else to tears.

—Child's Play: 1½ STARS

A disappointing supernatural thriller about what happens when a single mother (Catherine Hicks) buys an expensive, two-foot-tall doll for her six year-old son's (Alex Vincent) birthday - a doll which now houses the spirit of a gunned-down murderer (Brad Dourif) and is capable of doing whatever it wants to do.

The idea of having an inanimate object such as a doll coming to life and wreaking havoc makes for some genuine scariness on film. Remember when a clown-like puppet attacked a little boy in the original *Poltergeist* picture? Or, for older horror fans, how about *Trilogy of Terror*, a television movie from the 1970's which featured three chilling tales, one of which had actress Karen Black being stalked by a spear-carrying voodoo doll?

By the same token, *Child's Play* is, at first, quite creepy to watch and leads us to believe that more thrills are yet to come. But, director Tom Holland (*Fright Night*) eventually turns this initially terrifying story into a ridiculously silly mess that's bound to produce more chuckles than scares.

To be fair, the cast does what it can to prevent *Child's Play* from turning into an outright turkey. Hicks (*Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*) as the kindly mother, newcomer Vincent in the part of her endearing son, and Christ Sarandon (*The Princess Bride*) as a heroic police detective do the best that they can with their respective roles, and they are to be commended for managing to keep straight faces throughout the movie's laughable and potential-wasting second half.

—Clara's Heart: 3 STARS

Based on a novel by Joseph Olshan, this saccharine yet very enjoyable domestic drama stars Whoopi Goldberg as a Jamaican housekeeper who brings some much-needed love to a strained Baltimore family when she befriends a pre-adolescent boy (Neil Patrick Harris) whose parents (Michael Ontkean and Kathleen Quinlan) are so wrapped up in their own problems that they have little time for him.

Clara's Heart is essentially a cliched soap opera that wallows in sap from start to finish. Yet, in spite of its superficiality and all-too-obvious shortcomings, it still makes for highly worthwhile viewing; to put it another way, this corny film knows that it is corn, and therefore, it does an earnest job of making the most of its limited material.

Meanwhile, thanks to Goldberg and Harris, the finest thing about the picture is the tender and moving relationship which flourishes between their divergent characters. Newcomer Harris makes an auspicious acting debut as a troubled boy who is undergoing some serious growing pains, and Goldberg's (*Fatal Beauty*) portrayal of a warmhearted yet strong-minded woman with an enigmatic past represents her most impressive work since her Academy Award-nominated performance in *The Color Purple*.

Because of the generally poor reviews that it's been receiving, as well as the fact that it has been sporadically distributed throughout our nation's theaters, *Clara's Heart* will undoubtedly find its way to your local video rental store within a short period of time. And, if it happens to wind up there before you get a chance to see it in a movie theater, treat yourself and take a look at this underrated and unpretentious film.

—Ernest Saves Christmas: 2½ STARS

A surprisingly decent comedy in which Santa Claus travels to Florida in order to carry out an all-important Yuletide mission. Once there, however, he gets into some unexpected trouble, and so it's up to the ever-bumbling Ernest P. Worrell (Jim Varney) to help him out and to make sure that the holiday of Christmas goes as scheduled.

The biggest problem with *Ernest Saves Christmas* is the character of Ernest himself. In small doses such as the television commercials which launched his career, Varney's depiction of this likable hick is quite amusing; on the other hand, in feature-length productions such as his first picture, *Ernest Goes to Camp*, and his latest endeavor, this actor's idiotic style of humor grows tedious very quickly and eventually stops being funny altogether.

Nonetheless, at the heart of *Ernest Saves Christmas* is a charming and undeniably heartwarming tale about the spirit and nature of Santa Claus, and this plus renders the movie as recommendable entertainment for filmgoers of all ages.

And, considering how few pictures there are today for the entire family, this plus is wholeheartedly welcome.

—Iron Eagle II: 1 STAR

In this foolish military adventure that's slightly worse than its unillustrious 1986 predecessor, Louis Gossett, Jr. (*Enemy Mine*) is on hand once again as a maverick Air Force war-horse by the name of "Chappy" Sinclair, and this time around he leads a band of American and Russian troops on a nearly hopeless mission to knock out the nuclear missiles of a dangerous Middle Eastern country.

Like the original *Iron Eagle*, this unwarranted sequel provides some exciting battle action, but on the whole, it is nothing but pseudo-patriotic and woefully hokey claptrap that takes itself far too seriously. Nevertheless, if you like this type of nonsense, please buy an issue of the *G.I. Joe* comic book instead so that this flick won't make enough money to generate another gratuitous and sub-standard sequel.

After all film reviewers like myself are always look-

ing to see as few bad movies as possible.

—Without a Clue: 3 STARS

A refreshingly witty Sherlock Holmes adventure unlike any that's ever been seen before. Instead of being a sharply intelligent and calculatingly brave hero, the world-famous detective is a boozy, dimwitted, and out-of-work actor (Michael Caine) whose noteworthy reputation for sleuthing is the responsibility of his companion Dr. Watson (Ben Kingsley), who created the persona of Sherlock Holmes in the first place by way of fictional magazine stories and is actually the brains of the duo.

Although it has some slow moments and the mystery portion of its plotline is not particularly intriguing, *Without a Clue* is, without a doubt, a delightfully comedic variation on the character of Sherlock Holmes. From beginning to end, the Holmes of this film stumbles his way through an investigation while Watson uses his formidable intellect and crime-solving skills to find and figure out clues, yet it is Holmes who gets all the credit for any work that's done, and the hapless Watson gets no recognition whatsoever.

Moreover, all of the performances in *Without a Clue* are delivered with much skill and flair, especially those by its two stars. As this offbeat Sherlock Holmes, Caine (*Surrender*) comes across as a hammy, carefree, yet basically likable clod who never gets embarrassed (regardless of how often and how much he goofs up), and Kingsley (*Gandhi*) makes a most effective foil for his co-star by supplying his Watson with an unflaggingly brilliant disposition and a sense of humorous exasperation which flares up whenever he has to deal with Holmes' continual blunders.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—Bird: Rated R for adult themes, language, and situations.

—Child's Play: Rated R for some strong violence and creepy suspense.

—Clara's Heart: Rated PG-13 for mature subject matter and language.

—Ernest Saves Christmas: A PG film for viewers of any age.

—Iron Eagle II: Rated PG for some mild violence and profanity.

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AGAWAM'S SAL MARZANO looks rather perplexed with being the lone male in the top-dance musical, "Stepping-Out," being staged by the Encore Players.

Agawam's Sal Marzano Only Male In All-Female Show

Sal Marzano of Agawam is the sole male among a bevy of tap-dancing females in the Encore Players production of *Stepping Out* by Richard Harris.

Sal has run the gamut of backstage roles as well as onstage roles with Encore, and this will be his first appearance as a tap-dancer.

Director is Pam Townsend, with Margaret H. Sarno as pianist, and Claire O'Donnell as choreographer.

This London and Broadway tap-dance musical will be presented at the downstairs theater at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, December 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. All performances will be at 8:00 p.m., except for Sunday, December 11th, which will be at 2:00 p.m. There will be no performance on Friday, December 2nd, and Sun-

day, December 4th, is sold out.

On December 1st, 8th, and 11th, all tickets are \$4. Other performances are \$6 with senior citizens and students at \$5.

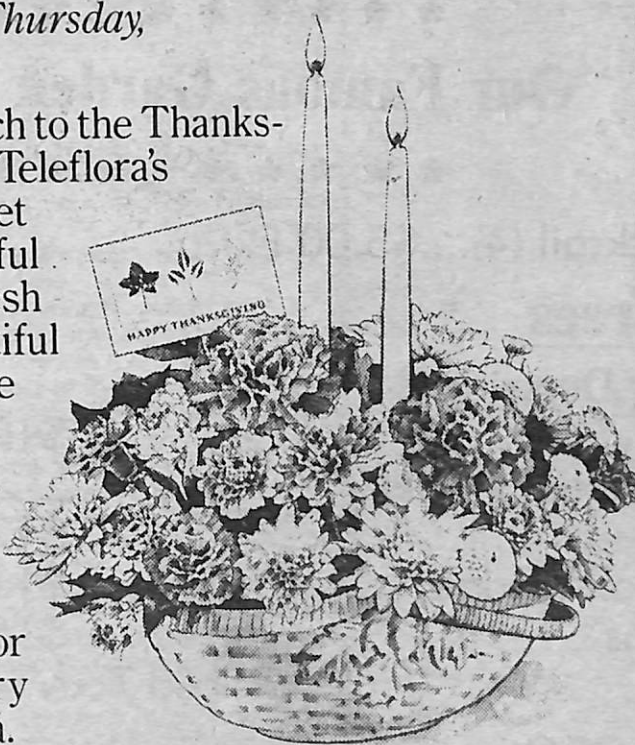
For ticket information, call 783-1616. Tickets are available at the door, at Sal's Boutique, and at the Golden Peacock, across from the church.

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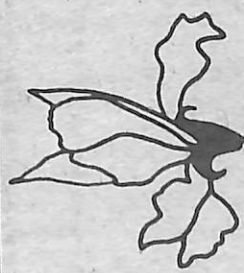
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Cyclone Roller Coaster Again Voted To Top 10 In Entire U.S.

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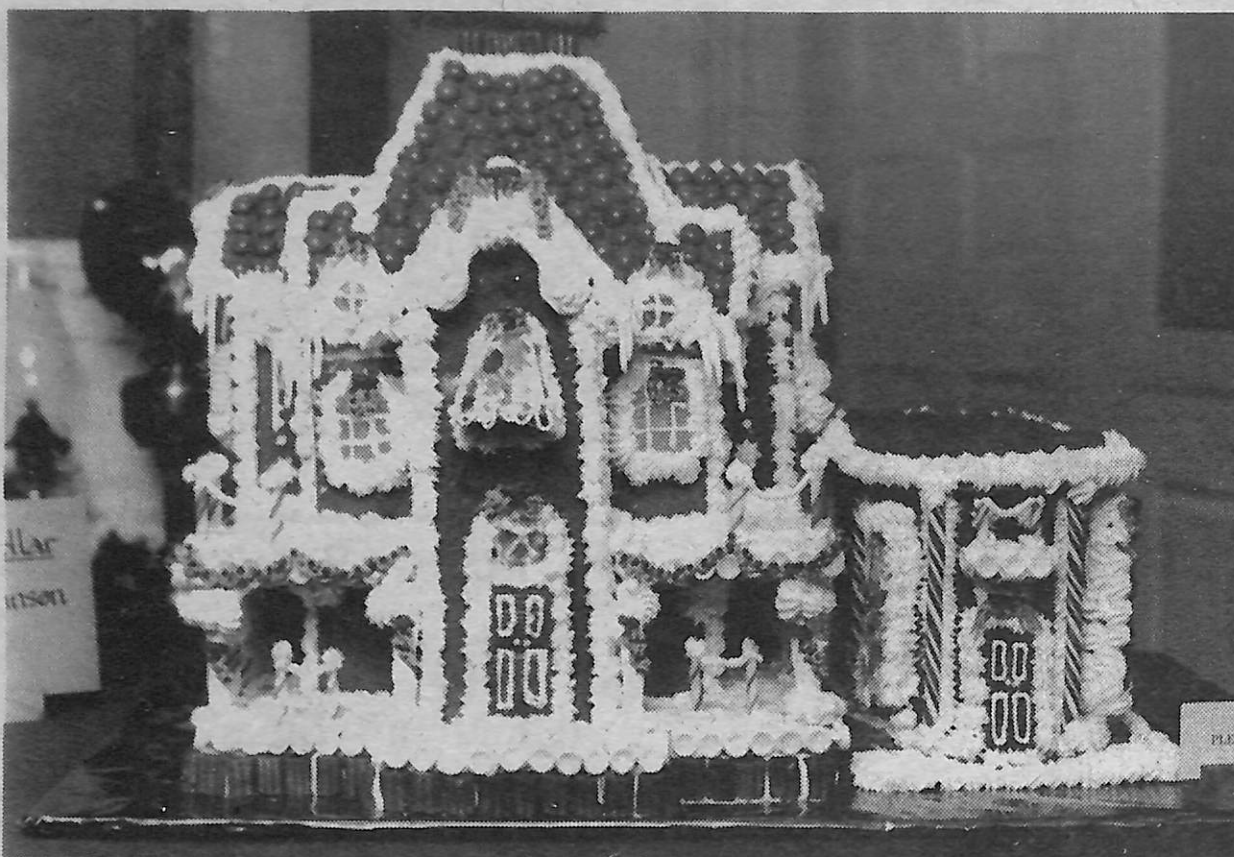
The poll was taken by *Amusement Business*, the international newsweekly for sports and mass entertainment. The list of coasters presents an "inside track" readers' poll of favorite coasters, a cross section of more than 1,600 enthusiasts worldwide (the largest known poll of its kind).

Each respondent was allowed to vote for up to five of their favorite coasters using a point system to figure out the standings. The top 10 are as follows:

1. The Beast, Kings Island, Ohio;
2. Cyclone, Astroland, Coney Island, New York;
3. Twister, Elitch Gardens, Denver, Colorado;
4. Comet, Crystal Beach Park, Ontario;
5. Thunderbolt, Kennywood, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania;
6. Riverside Cyclone, Agawam;
7. Le Montre, La Rhonde, Quebec;
8. Phoenix, Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg, Pennsylvania;
9. Big Bad Wolf, Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia;
10. Giant Dipper, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, California.

The survey also included enthusiasts' favorite theme ride, etc. Voted as the very Favorite Carousel is the Riverside Park 1909 M.C. (Marcus Charles) Illions hand-carved wooden carousel. Restored to its original state in 1987, the carousel becomes one of few originals in operation in the United States.

Sweet Village Of Gingerbread Houses



A SWEET VILLAGE OF GINGERBREAD houses will be on display at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum during the Springfield Museums' Olde-Fashioned Holiday, December 2nd to 11th, at the Quadrangle.

Arts Council Plans Trip To NYC Dec. 10

The Agawam Arts and Humanities will be having a bus trip to New York City in December. Anyone who is interested in going may call Jean Stowers, Council Member, at 786-6249 for tickets.

The date for the trip is Saturday, December 10th. Price is \$14.00 per person, round trip and non-refundable. Departure is from Agawam High School at 7:00 a.m.

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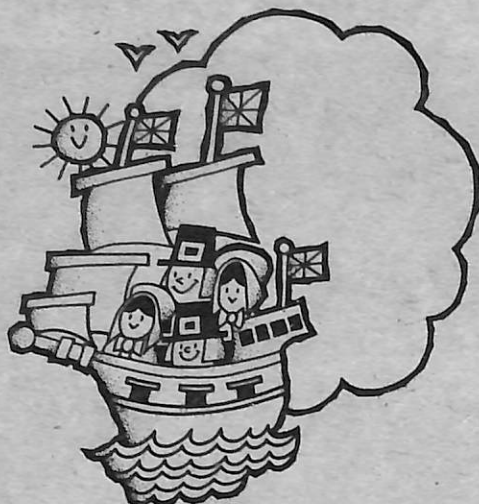
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